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PREMIER-ROOSEVELT MYSTERY UNFOLDED

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT BY ATTLEE ON ANGLO-AMERICAN COLLABORATION TO END AGGRESSION: WHOLE PROBLEM OF SUPPLY OF WAR MUNITIONS EXAMINED

BROADCASTING AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ON BEHALF OF HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT FROM LONDON LAST NIGHT, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE CLEMENT R. ATTLEE, LORD PRIVY SEAL AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, lifted the veil of mystery which has shrouded the absence of MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, Prime Minister of Great Britain, and MR. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States, from London and Washington, respectively, during the past four days.

Rumours that the Premier and the President had met at sea were confirmed in the authorised statement which the Lord Privy Seal read over the air to an eagerly-awaiting world.



CHURCHILL



ROOSEVELT

Full Declaration: Common Principles In National Policy

The following joint Declaration agreed upon by Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt was read by Mr. Clement Attlee:—

The President of the United States and the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, representing His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, have met together and deem it right to make known certain common principles in the national policy of their respective countries on which they base their hopes for the better future of the world.

- (1) Our countries seek no aggrandisement, territorial or other;
- (2) They desire to see no territorial changes that do not concur with the express wishes of the people concerned;
- (3) They respect the rights of all peoples to choose the form of government under which they will live and they wish to see sovereign rights and self-government restored to those who have been forcibly deprived of them;
- (4) They will endeavour, with due respect to the existing obligations to further all steps agreed upon by nations, great or small, conquered or unconquered, on equal terms to trade in the raw materials of the world which are needed for economic prosperity;
- (5) They desire to bring about the fullest co-operation between all nations in the economic field with the object of securing an improved labour standard, economic advancement and social security;
- (6) After the final destruction of Nazi tyranny they hope to see an established peace which will afford to all nations the means of dwelling in safety within their own boundaries and will afford an assurance that all men in all lands can and may live out their lives in freedom from fear and want;
- (7) Such a peace shall enable all men to traverse the high seas and land without hindrance;
- (8) They believe that all nations of the world, for realistic as well as spiritual reasons, must come to the abandonment of the use of force, for peace cannot be maintained if the land, sea or air continue to be employed by nations to threaten aggression outside their countries. Pending the establishment of a wider and permanent system of security, the disarmament of such nations is essential. They will likewise aid and encourage all other practicable measures which will give peace to people from the crushing burden of armaments.

Lord Beaverbrook Going To Washington For Purpose Of Discussion Of Further Details

THE STATEMENT CONTAINED AN EIGHT-POINT DECLARATION EMBODYING FURTHER AND EXTENSIVE ANGLO-AMERICAN COLLABORATION TO END AGGRESSION AND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT WORLD PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

THE HEADS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS OF THE STATE AND FIGHTING SERVICES, THE BRITISH MINISTER FOR SUPPLY, LORD BEAVERBROOK, ALSO BEING PRESENT.

Mr. Attlee said:—
I have come to tell you about an important meeting between the President of the United States and the Prime Minister which had taken place and of a declaration which has been agreed upon between them.

Here is the statement which they have agreed to issue.
The President of the United States and the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, representing His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, have met at sea, and have been accompanied by officials of their two Governments including high ranking officials of their military, naval and air services.

The whole problem of the supply of munitions of war as provided by the Lease and Lend Act for the armed forces of the United Kingdom and for countries actively engaged in resisting aggression has been further examined.
Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Supply, has joined in these conferences. He is going to proceed to Washington to discuss further details with the appropriate officials of the United States Government.

These conferences will also cover

HITLER MOVES HEADQUARTERS

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Reuter).—Herr Hitler has moved his headquarters to the Ukraine according to a Radio announcement from Rome, which adds that the German leader's presence on this front is probably a prelude to an important announcement regarding this battle.

Today's News Summary

THE WELL-KEPT SECRET OF THE MEETING at sea between Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt was disclosed by the Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Clement Attlee, when, in a broadcast from London yesterday, he declared that they had drawn up a joint Anglo-U.S. declaration setting out the objects for which the Allies are fighting and indicating fundamental principles on which plans for permanent world peace in the future must be based.

THE EVACUATION OF SMOLENSK HAS BEEN officially admitted by the Russians who, in a communique issued in Moscow, stated that their soldiers had left the place a few days ago.

IT IS REPORTED THAT AN UNSPECIFIED number of Japanese troops have entered Cambodia.

In less than a month the "V" (Victory) Campaign, started in so dramatic a manner by Colonel Britton, the "mystery speaker" of the B.B.C., has spread to the ends of the earth wherever there are free peoples who are looking forward with faith and hope to an Allied victory over the ruthless tyrants of Totalitarianism.

From the moment Col. Britton spoke on the air on July 20, an invisible army of millions sprang into being, adopting the "V" sign as the badge of allegiance to the cause of freedom. From Britain's shores it spread through Europe, Africa and Asia, where reports speak of the "V" sign appearing everywhere.

Newspapers from India, Malaya, the N.E.I. and Shanghai contain eloquent reports of the way in which the "V" Campaign has been taken up. In these places the "V" sign is being prominently splashed on motor vehicles, shop windows, letter heads, visiting cards, newspaper advertisements, posters, pamphlets and on

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walls of buildings.

Everyone adopting the sign and joining the Campaign agrees to carry out its simple requirements which can be so readily adapted to everyday life—"to continue faithfully to fight in the best way I can for my country's independence and honour and that of other nations enslaved by Germany; to take every opportunity to demonstrate to the Germans the mobilisation of this army by putting our sign on walls and everywhere I can put them and by beating out the dot-dot-dot-dash signal whenever I get a chance."

Hongkong has again lagged behind—nowhere locally has the "V" sign yet been displayed to show the Colony's loyal acceptance of the Campaign and to encourage its growth here.

It is not too late to start now—let the "V" sign be displayed everywhere in the way it is being done elsewhere.

Is this too much to ask of the people in Hongkong?

Smolensk Evacuation Admitted By Soviet

The evacuation of Smolensk was officially admitted by the Soviet High Command in a communique issued in Moscow on Wednesday evening, which adds: "However, fighting is still taking place in that vicinity."

The communique reads: "On August 13 our troops fought the enemy in the direction of Rekl'm, Staraya, Russa, Smolensk and Belaya-Tserkov."

"A few days ago our troops left Smolensk."

"Our air force continued to inflict blows on enemy troops and attacked his aerodromes."

"On August 12, 43 German planes were destroyed. Our losses were 35 planes."

"In the Baltic Sea a submarine sank a German oil tanker of about 15,000 tons' displacement," says Reuter.



BEAVERBROOK

AMERICAN BASES IN JAMAICA

FIRST PHASE IS NEAR FINISH

LONDON, Aug. 14 (BWS).—Latest reports show that the construction of the United States Army and Naval bases in Jamaica is going ahead rapidly. At Fort Simmonds military reservation, the first phase of the Continued Page 7, Col. 3

Attempt On Life Of Aged Baron

TOKYO, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—BARON KIICHIRO HIRANUMA, Premier in 1938, and at present Minister without Portfolio, was wounded in a pistol attack this morning.

The would-be assassin was arrested by the guard at the entrance of the Hiranuma home.

According to an announcement by the Metropolitan Police Board, the would-be assassin is 33-year-old Naohiko Ishiyama, who met Baron Hiranuma by appointment at 8 a.m. on the pretext to obtain a sample of the Baron's brush-writing.

The assassin pulled out a pistol from a roll of paper on which the 76-year-old Baron was to write and shot the Minister in the head. Despite his wound, Baron Hiranuma chased the assailant as he fled from the room.

Baron Hiranuma's condition is not revealed. The Police are at present investigating the background of the assassin.

Foodstuffs For Distressed Areas After The Wars

LONDON, Aug. 13.—The American Government has begun to build a huge relief stock of foodstuffs to be rushed to Europe, China and other distressed areas directly the wars are over, says Sonia Tomara writing from Washington in the NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE of Aug. 12.

Surplus grain and fats from Argentina, Canada and Australia are being accumulated in the United States. The Department of Agriculture announced a plan which was discussed at the international wheat conference held in Washington on July 10 to Aug. 3, and the representatives of Argentina, Australia, Canada and Britain took back the draft to their respective governments.

PRACTICAL WORK
Much practical work has been done already towards the creation of an "international ever-normal granary" and estimates have been made of available surpluses of wheat, feed, livestock, fats and dairy products. Also of storage facilities.

Statistics show that the Western Hemisphere and Australia have the largest store of surplus wheat in history which will be substantially increased by this year's harvest.

JAPANESE ENTER CAMBODIA

An unspecified number of Japanese troops are reported to be entering Cambodia, says a Reuter Bulletin message.

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1941-42 Soccer Season Fixtures Approved

CHARITY MATCH ON SEPT. 13: S.C.A.A. MALAYAN TOUR REPORT

THE SOCCER FIXTURES FOR THE SEASON 1941-42, DRAWN UP BY THE FIXTURES SUB-COMMITTEE WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE HONGKONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION WHICH HELD ITS SECOND MONTHLY MEETING YESTERDAY EVENING WITH MR. WONG KA-TSUN IN THE CHAIR.

The first League games will be played on Saturday, Sept. 27, and the season closes on April 12. It was stated that the only civilian clubs to play mid-week matches will be those in the Third Division.

Mr. Charles Ying (South China) asked that the South China-Eastern game on Dec. 21 be played on the next day, Sunday. He gave as his reason that South China had a large number of supporters who had to work on Saturday and could not get off.

On the proposal of Mr. McKelvie, seconded by Mr. C. Gillingham, the original list of fixtures was adopted by the meeting.

A letter from South China A.A. nominating Mr. Charles Ying as their representative on the Council in place of Mr. Walter Han-ming Chen and another from Royal Engineers nominating Sgt. W. J. Williams as their representative, were read.

In a letter to the Council, Mr. Chen expressed regret at having to relinquish his membership on the Council to go to Singapore to take up an editorial post on the MALAYA TRIBUNE. He trusted that the Hongkong F.A. would send a team to Singapore for a series of games and if this should materialise he would be very glad to respond to the call and give any help he could.

MALAYAN TOUR

A letter from South China A.A. regarding the Malayan tour was also read by the Chairman. It stated that the team, under the captaincy of Lee Wai-tong, created a very good impression wherever they went and the players conducted themselves in a gentlemanly manner with the result that Malaya had asked South China to send a team whenever they could.

Referring to the one "unfortunate incident" which marred the tour during a charity match in Selangor, and in which Mr. Chen himself was injured and removed to hospital, the letter stated that the incident was totally unexpected. It also enclosed a letter from the President of the Selangor F.A. who stated that the conduct of the players was not the cause of the incident.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHINA

Interesting Address At Y's Men's Tiffin

An interesting address, being an attempt to seek in the development of Chinese history those reasons that had retarded industrial development reaching the peak it has attained in the Western World, was given yesterday before the weekly tiffin meeting.



Mr. Li Lung-kwong (left) seen above with General Wu Yet-chi, Chief of Staff of the 9th War Zone.

of the Y's Men's Club by Dr. Chen Han-seng.

Why was it, Dr. Chen asked, that China for so many centuries had not seen the development of large scale machine industry? Why, despite great commercial development, there had never seemed to exist a stimulus toward the development of industries on a scale comparable to that of present-day Europe and America?

Perhaps, it could be said, the reason was the political structure of the country. Chinese history has been described as largely cyclic and dynastic wars forced upon the people continuous migrations, among the migrants being often the skilled labourers of the day.

SKILLED TECHNICIANS

China has never had a dearth of men who could have been likened to the skilled technicians of modern industry, and such examples could be pointed to in this respect as the Chinese mathematicians of the Yuan or Mongol Dynasty who help the army of the Great Khan in the Mongol conquest of Hungary and other parts of eastern Europe.

Thus a theory could be put forward, to be proved or disproved. It was:—Were not these continued migrations of skilled labour retarding the development of industry from small scale to larger scale enterprise? Was not this the reason why China up to the present has no large scale industry to speak of? Or was it that the commercial mind of China throughout 2,400 years had not seen the necessity of expanding on small home industry and had not visualised any market larger than one that already existed and seemed to have been adequately served?

The present war, Dr. Chen said, indicates China's awakening to the necessity of industrialisation. Here, it would be well to glance at one of the principal causes of the war.

BASIC INDUSTRIES

The light industrialists of Japan have always wanted a peaceful economic penetration of China; Japanese heavy industry has lined up with the Japanese Army in an aggressive war, seeking to grab what raw materials may be found in China.

China has to fight back, and in this fight has to build immediately a strong industrial base to contribute to the economic defense of the country and develop new wealth for the nation.

Five basic industries are being developed today, toward this end. These are the textile industry, light chemical industry, fertilizer industry, small scale mining and the light metal industry. These all contribute largely to the country's economic defense.

Dr. Pun Sik-wah thanked the speaker.

Gardner (skip); W. Stoker, J. R. Way, R. C. Butler, J. F. Lunny (skip).

K.F.C.—W. Nae, A. E. Eastman, W. C. Simpson, E. Kern (skip); B. D. Evans, A. A. Dand, V. Chittenden, W. V. Field (skip); A. Lapsley, W. C. Ogley, W. Hyde, R. Young-husband (skip).

THIRD DIVISION
K.F.C.—G. Frost, B. Williams, Y. Abbas, C. Dowman (skip); G. Cross, C. Woodcock, A. MacIntyre, R. M. Ogden (skip); J. Edwards, A. Thomson, D. B. Izatt, C. H. Fuller (skip).

H.K.F.C.—R. A. Owens, E. L. Groom, A. F. Paul, J. K. Sloan (skip); J. F. Barton, R. F. Gregory, W. E. Macfarlane, A. G.

Shiukwan Isolated From Rest Of World

ONLY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION IS BY AIR SERVICE

"The Japanese occupation of Indo-China has isolated SHU KWAN from the rest of the world, and the only means of communication between that city and the outside is the air service," said MR. LI LUNG-KWONG, the intrepid cameraman of China News Film Corporation, when interviewed by the Hongkong Daily Press yesterday.

Mr. Li is on one of his periodic visits to the Colony after having spent over two years in Shiukwan making his latest picture "Relief War in Kwangtung."

Since 1938, Mr. Li has been turning out a war picture yearly, the first being "The South China War" (1938), followed by "The Battle of Changsha" (1939) and "War-time in Kwangtung" (1940).

Asked whether it was still possible to travel by the overland route to Shiukwan, Mr. Li replied in the affirmative adding "if one is not in a great hurry" as the journey involves a 17-day travel, including a sea voyage from Hongkong to Indo-China and payment of there of a sort of toll to the Japanese border guards. The cost is approximately \$600, Chinese National currency. (The fare for air travel is H.K.\$270).

USED TO RAIDS

As to conditions in Shiukwan, Mr. Li said that the inhabitants there were getting used to the Japanese aerial visits. On the sounding of the sirens, the populace proceeded quietly to the shelter and what casualties there might have been were among those who were "too calm" and who remained just a bit too long to have "a look-see" at the enemy planes. There had, however, not been a single raid during the past four months.

The cost of living has gone up by leaps and bounds in Shiukwan, said Mr. Li, as the result of its being isolated. "Everything that gets into Shiukwan has to be air-borne. What with the limitation on weight and the high cost of freight, one can easily imagine that only essential and or light-weight articles are now imported."

As an instance of the difference in the cost of living in the former days and the present, I need only quote the cost of maintaining a single soldier. Formerly the allowance for food in the army was \$5 per man, now it has gone up to \$30.

Although the price of rice has gone up to \$1 for 12 taels (equivalent to one pound, avoirdupois), the soldiers' rations have been well maintained.



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EXCELLENT HARVEST

"Due to the excellent harvest in Kwangtung, it is hoped that the price will be considerably lowered in the very near future."

"Shiukwan is isolated by the Japanese," said Mr. Li, "but we can buy Japanese petrol (or rather petrol packed in Japanese tins), provisions and clothing, including overcoats in many of the shops. All these have been smuggled across the border by the Chinese after buying them from Japanese soldiers."

TENNIS LEAGUE SPORTING INDIANS DEFEAT JEWISH R.C.

Indian Recreation Club beat Jewish Recreation Club by six sets to three at the latter's courts yesterday in a Fourth Division Tennis League match.

Witton and Odell (J.R.C.) drew with Hussain and Mohinder 6-6; lost to G. Singh and K. Singh 2-6; lost to Hassan and Suffad 2-6.

Pollak and M. Talan (J.R.C.) lost to Hussain and Mohinder 1-6; lost to G. Singh and K. Singh 5-7; lost to Hassan and Suffad 5-7.

Dr. Ramler and Godkin (J.R.C.) beat Hussain and Mohinder 6-3; drew with G. Singh and K. Singh 6-6; beat Hassan and Suffad 6-3.

S.C.A.A. CHAMPIONS

On the home courts, S.C.A.A. defeated C.R.C. by 7-2 thus becoming the unbeaten winners of the League.

C. L. Low and H. K. Ho (S.C.A.A.) lost to C. C. Chiu and B. C. Liang 3-6; beat C. K. Lai and W. C. Choi 6-3; beat T. F. Choi and S. N. Tsang 6-2.

C. P. Ip and W. H. Mok (S.C.A.A.) beat Chiu and Liang 6-4; beat Lai and Choi 6-4; beat Choi and Tsang 6-3.

K. C. Wong and K. C. Sit (S.C.A.A.) beat Chiu and Liang 6-4; beat Lai and Choi 6-1; beat Chiu and Liang 6-3.

OPEN PAIRS

S. R. Solina and K. M. Omar beat W. McLeod and W. S. Daji by 20 shots to 15 yesterday in the Third Round of the Open Pairs lawn bowls championship.

REFEREES' CLASS

The first combined class for civilian and Service aspirants to Referee Certificates will be held at Scandal Point Hall, on Aug. 18, commencing at 7 p.m.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

MEETING—Annual of Hongkong Football Club in the Club House, 6 p.m.

TOMORROW

AQUATICS—Charity Swimming Gala and Fire Dragon Display at Kennedy Town, 8 p.m.

LAWN BOWLS—First Division: Indian R.C. v. Recoelo "A", Kowloon B.G.C. "B" v. Craigengower, Kowloon B.G.C. "A" v. Kowloon C.C. Recoelo "E" v. Police R.C. Kowloon Docks R.C. v. Civil Service Second Division: Craigengower v. Recoelo, Kowloon F.C. v. Hongkong C.C., Talkoo R.C. v. Kowloon Tong, Hongkong F.C. v. Prison O.C. Third Division: Police R.C. v. Craigengower, Hongkong C.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C., Hongkong Electric v. Kowloon F.C., Recoelo v. Indian R.C.

LAWN BOWLS RINKS FOR TOMORROW

The following are some Club rinks for tomorrow's Lawn Bowls League matches:—

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K.F.C.—W. Nae, A. E. Eastman, W. C. Simpson, E. Kern (skip); B. D. Evans, A. A. Dand, V. Chittenden, W. V. Field (skip); A. Lapsley, W. C. Ogley, W. Hyde, R. Young-husband (skip).

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H.K.F.C.—R. A. Owens, E. L. Groom, A. F. Paul, J. K. Sloan (skip); J. F. Barton, R. F. Gregory, W. E. Macfarlane, A. G.

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SUN. MON.: "IF WAR COMES TO-MORROW"

SOVIET FILM AT MAJESTIC

That the Soviet Union, if attacked, is not only ready to fight but to carry the war into enemy territory is the main theme of a prophetic film document entitled, "If War Comes Tomorrow," opening at the Majestic today.

For the first time in film history, a dramatic picture has been



made in conjunction with large scale modern army manoeuvres. The famous Mosfilm Studios of Moscow put all their resources into this film which had three writers and four directors.

It shows a country at peace, work and play suddenly confronted with the violation of its borders. The action then becomes tense and rapid as the citizens of the USSR fall quickly to their

THE DEVIL AND MISS JONES

With Jean Arthur starring, "The Devil and Miss Jones," showing today at the King's Theatre, presents hilarious romantic comedy to theatre-goers through its unusual story and treatment.

Robert Cummings has the romantic lead with the star, and Charles Coburn shares title-role honors with her as a multi-millionaire whose efforts to solve a personnel dispute motivate the plot.

Giving the three principals some of the finest opportunities of their recent careers, this out-of-the-ordinary picture also features a notable group of supporting players.

Edmund Gwenn as the arrogant head of the shoe department, Spring Byington as the elderly saleswoman, S. Z. Sakall, (a noted Continental character-man), as Coburn's long-suffering butler, William Demarest as a detective and Walter Kingsford, as the store manager—all have important roles in support.

appointed war duties at the front and behind the lines with women figuring prominently in both places.

Authentic scenes of tank charges, large scale air battles and the rapid mass movements of completely mechanised troops seem to substantiate the Soviet claim that the burden of warfare will not fall within its own borders.

The dramatic sequences are swiftly woven into the battle panoramas. The terrific punishing power of a great thoroughly modernised army on the march is graphically portrayed with superb lens artistry and suggests what might have happened in the recent fighting at Changfufeng in the Far East.

The film has English dialogue titles.

COMING EVENTS

AUG.
15—Tides: High 3.30 a.m. and 3.22 p.m. Low 10.22 a.m. and 9.09 p.m.
Sunrise: 7 a.m.; Sunset: 7.55 p.m.
St. Andrew's Wartime Intercession Service, 6.30 p.m.
Lecture: Volunteer Nursing Detachment, First Aid, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.
Volunteer Trophy Presentation by H.E. the Governor, 6 p.m.
Cheero Club Darts and Table Tennis.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
H.K.F.C. Annual Meeting, Club House, 6 p.m.

16—Tides: High 4.14 a.m. and 3.48 p.m. Low 11.59 a.m. and 9.42 p.m.
Sunrise: 7 a.m.; Sunset: 7.54 p.m.
Old C of O. and Dinner, Y.M.C.A. Swimming Gala, 9 p.m.
K.C.C. Members' Party, Cox's Path, 9 p.m.

A.R.P. Farewell Inspection, Central Division, Volunteer Parade Ground, St. John's Place, 6.30 p.m.
A.R.P. First Anniversary Concert and Dinner, Tai Koon Chinese Restaurant, Yau-mat, 7.15 p.m.
Charity Swimming Gala and Fire Dragon Display, Kennedy Town, 8 p.m.
Lawn Bowls League, 3 p.m. (See Page 2).

H.K. Baseball League, Chatham Road, (See Page 2).
Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, West Lounge, 9 p.m.

17—Tides: High 5.08 a.m.; Low 1.14 a.m.
Variety Concert in Aid of Chinese War Relief Funds, King's Theatre, Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, West Lounge, 9 p.m.

18—Tides: High 6.06 a.m. and 9.18 p.m.; Low 2.02 a.m. and 12.26 p.m.
Claims against Estate of Mr F. E. Lane due.
Heats for Schools' Swimming Gala, V.R.C. Pool, 7 p.m.

19—Tides: High 6.59 a.m. and 11.41 p.m.; Low 2.44 p.m.
H.K. Rotary Club Timin, H.K. Hotel, 1 p.m.
Heats for Schools' Swimming Gala, V.R.C. Pool, 7 p.m.
Criminal Sessions Commences.

20—Tides: High 7.49 a.m. and 10.02 p.m.; Low 1.31 a.m. and 3.22 p.m.

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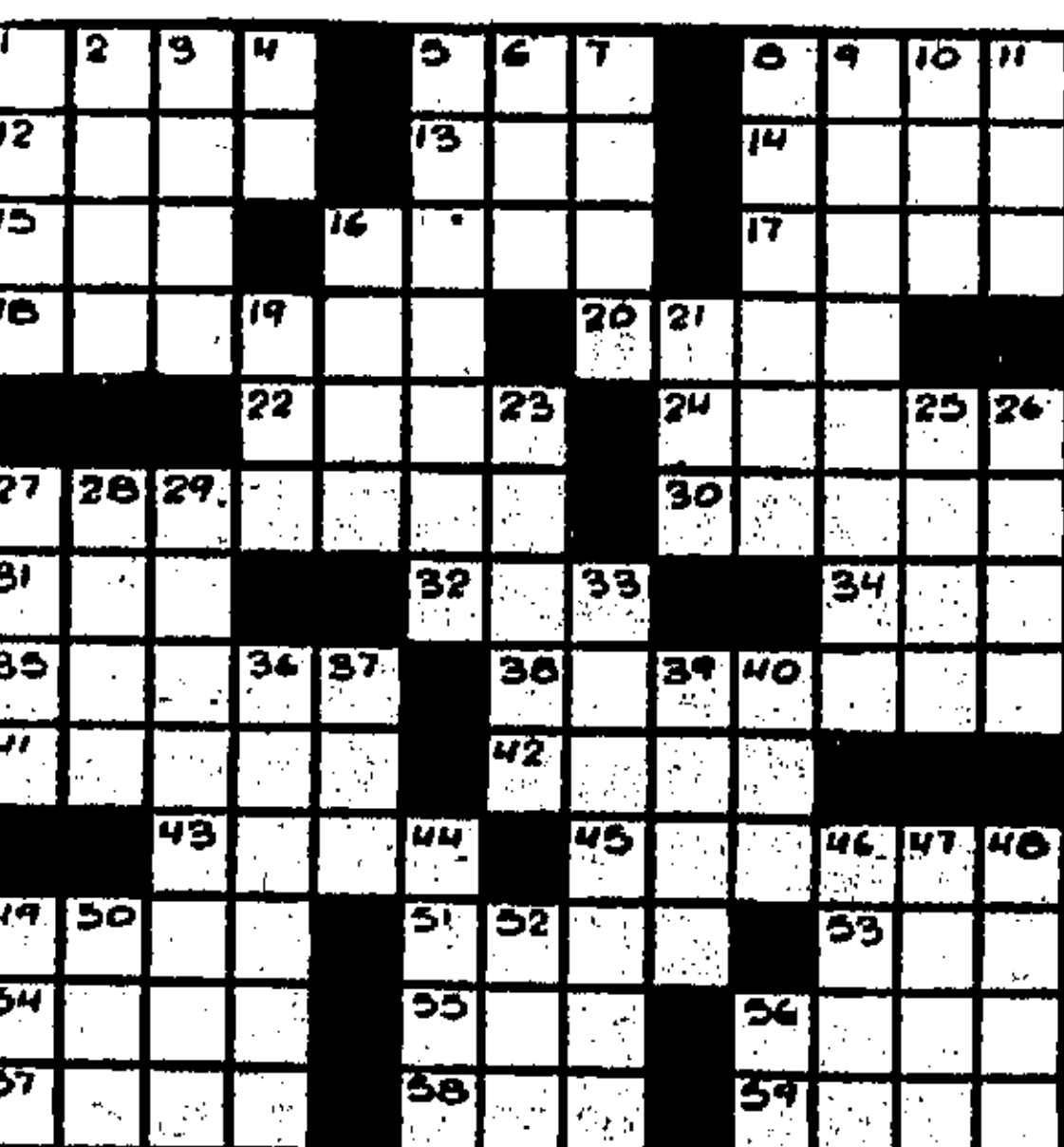
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- 5 To droop
- 8 Paradise
- 12 Impel
- 13 Night before a holiday
- 14 Combining form meaning air
- 15 The marsh-elders
- 16 Genus of trees of maple family
- 17 Break suddenly
- 18 To erase
- 20 Movement (music)
- 22 Metal-bearing vein
- 24 Feast
- 27 Mexican shawls
- 30 Group of people
- 31 Japanese rice paste
- 32 Runner attached to foot for moving over snow
- 34 Present time
- 35 Heaped on
- 38 Comes forth
- 41 Sculptured slab
- 42 Traverse on horseback
- 43 Band
- 45 Gauzy fabric
- 49 Narrow strip of wood
- 51 Orderly
- 53 Constellation
- 54 Top of the head
- 55 Skilful
- 56 Exclamation

DOWN

- 1 In the midst of
- 2 Bird of peace
- 3 Pertaining to grandparents
- 4 Myself
- 5 Withdraws from
- 6 Salutation
- 7 A microphone
- 8 Christian festival
- 9 Signifying
- 10 Age
- 11 Pinch suddenly
- 12 On top of
- 13 Top-note of Guido's scale
- 21 Often (postlo)
- 23 Ridge of
- 25 West Indian negro
- 26 Unites by stitches
- 27 Undermines
- 28 Give forth
- 29 Consign
- 33 Ape
- 36 Overjoys
- 37 Lair
- 39 Prepare for publication
- 40 Residence (abbr.)
- 44 Small fly
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Classical Requests
12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Harry Roy and His Orch. - Fox-Trots - The Lady's In Love With You (From film "Some Like It Hot" - Loesser Lane); A Blue Canoe For Two (Eaton - Shand); Quick-Step - The Highland Swing (From film "Happy Returns" - Grant-Johnson); Fox-Trot - There's A Little Irish Colleen on Broadway (Norman) Comedy Fox-Trots - When It's Thursday Night In Egypt (W. Schuman - Kelly); Algernon, Wifflancoop, John (Barnard); Swing Step - Sentimento Gaucho (Canaro); Rumba-La Cum-parita (Rodriguez); Fox-Trot - Play-mates (Dowell).

1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
1.02 Drinking Songs.
I've Something In The Bottle For The Morning (Lauder, Crafton) - Sir Harry Lauder (Comedian) w. Orch. Drinking Songs: Selection - Intro There's A Tavern In The Town; In Cellar Cool; Little Brown Jug; Down Among The Dead Men; Come Land-lord, Fill The Flowing Bowl; Here's A Health Unto His Majesty (Arr. Williams) - Jack Hylton and His Orch.

1.15 The New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra.
The Teddy Bears' Picnic (Kennedy - Bratton); The Moonbeam Waltz (After Rubinstein's "Melody in F" - Scott Wood); Snow Man (Archer); Round The Roundabout (Maxwell Foster); Espana (E. Waldeufel).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 Compositions of Coleridge-Taylor.

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2.15 Close Down.
6.00 Indian Programme.
6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Maxine Sullivan in a "Swing" Programme.
Washington And Lee Swing (Aileen Shaefer); The Jazz Me Blues (De-laney); Bob Crosby's Bob Cats; Darling Nellie Grey (Handy) - Maxine Sullivan with Orchestra. Life Goes To A Party (Harry James - Goodman) - Benny Goodman and His Orchestra. Corn Fleekin' (From film "Naughty But Nice" - Warren, Mercer) - Maxine Sullivan with Orchestra. Give Out Straws, Dale and Miller) - The Six Swingers. I'm Happy About The Whole Thing (From film "Naughty But Nice" - Mercer, Warren) - Maxine Sullivan w. Orch. You You Darlin' (Sholl - Jerome) - Duke Ellington and His Famous Orchestra.

7.15 Piano Duets by Rawicz and Landauer.
Viennese Waltz Medley (Strauss - arr. Rawicz and Landauer) - Intro: Blue Danube; Wiener Blut; Gipsy Baron; Fledermaus; Wiener Bon Bons; Tales from The Vienna Woods; Voices of Spring; Gipsy Baron - Fantasy; Fledermaus - Fantasy (Strauss - arr. Rawicz and Landauer).

7.30 Portuguese Programme.
8.00 London Relay - The News.
8.15 London Relay - War Commentary.

Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 Programme Summary.
8.32 Light Orchestra Programme with Richard Crooks (Tenor).

For Love Of You (From the film - Franz Vienna); Prelude (Haydn Wood) - Albert Sandler and His Orch. Springtime Reminds Me Of You (Rotter and Jurman); My Sunshine Is You (Stolz) - Richard Crooks w. Orch. Suite De Danse - Intermezzo (Eduard Kunneke); Valse Melancolique - Ode Dobrindt and Eugen Wolf Orchestras. Too Late Tomorrow (Langenberg) - Richard Crooks with Orchestra. Hobgoblin's Review (K. Noack) - Orchestra Mascotte.

9.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 An Hour of Classical Requests.
Tragic Overture, Op. 81 (Brahms) - The B.B.C. Symphony Orch. "Cavalleria Rusticana" - O. Rejice That The Lord Has Risen (Easter Morning Hymn - Mascagni) - Della Sazilo (Soprano) and Olga De Franco (Contralto) and Members of La Scala Orch. Fur Elise (Beethoven) - Arthur Schnabel (Piano Solo). Kornnol-Ostrow - Op. 16 No. 22 (Reve Angelique - Rubinstein) - The New Light Symphony Orchestra. Ave Maria (Gebet) Aus "Otello" (Boito - Verdi) - Tiana Lamnitz (Soprano) with Orchestra. Serenade, Op. 62 (Volkmann) - Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Paris Angellus (Gazz ra-Grossi - Franck) - Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) and State Opera Orchestra cond. by Bruno Seidler-Winkler. Waltz No. 1 In F Flat (Durdand) - Cymbalum Solo by Elec Race with Piano. "Carmen" - Prelude To Act 1 (Bizet) - Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.

9.45 - 10.00 News in French (On Short Wave only).
9.45 An Hour of Classical Request (Continued).

"Carmen" - Toreador's Song Bizet - Riccardo Stracciari, Appoioli, Ticozzi (Trio) and Chorus with Orchestra Handkerchief Dance (Gralinger) - Merik Hambourg (Piano Solo). Intermezzo (Souvenir De Vienne) (From the film "Escape to Happiness") - Heinz Provoost - Otto Kyndel (Violin) with Piano. Le Beau Danube Bleu (J. Strauss) - Lily Pons (Soprano) w. Orchestra.

10.00 London Relay - The News and News Commentary.
10.15 Studio - Presentation of Brahms' Sonata No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 108 by "Keynote."

Sonata recorded by Joseph Salget (Violin) and Egon Petri (Piano).
11.00 London Relay - "Makers of History."

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GERMAN INTRIGUES IN MIDDLE EAST DEALT HARD BLOW BY ANGLO-SOVIET DECLARATION TO TURKEY

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Britain and Russia have promised full aid to Turkey if she is attacked by a European power, writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent. This latest dramatic turn in the international situation was made known on Tuesday night with an announcement that declarations in identical terms had been presented by both countries to the Turkish Foreign Office.

The declarations make it clear that both Britain and Russia intend to remain faithful to the Montreux Convention and have no aggressive intentions or claims regarding the Straits.

At various periods during this war, Turkey had been subjected to some pressure by other nations, which, if it had succeeded, would have cut across her understandings with Britain.

At every juncture, however, Turkey has re-asserted her loyalty to her obligations to Britain and her allies, and even when she signed the trade agreement with Germany some months ago she made clear that it had no effect upon her treaty with Britain.

Many attempts have been made in German and Italian propaganda drives to separate Turkey from Britain but none have succeeded in providing the desired wedge.

"FRIEND AND ALLY"

"Turkey is our friend and ally. The Turkish Government have kept us fully informed of the progress of recent negotiations with the German Government," declared Mr. Anthony Eden in Parliament on June 10, and it was only last week again in the House of Commons that Mr. Eden reaffirmed Britain's friendship with Turkey and repudiated suggestions of enemy origin that we might make some arrangement at Turkey's expense. Britain, said Mr. Eden, would continue to observe loyally the Anglo-Turkish treaty, believing that the friendship between this country and Turkey would be a lasting

Britain Eager For Parallel Collaboration With America

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, who is on his way to the Far East to coordinate British administration in Far East, conferred with Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State, yesterday.

Later in an interview, he said that Britain was eager to collaborate with the United States on parallel lines throughout the world. The only comment he would make on Far East tension was that the British felt that Japan could not be allowed entirely to have her own way in the Pacific.

Mr. Duff-Cooper had earlier attended a ceremony at which representatives of the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand formally exchanged ratification of treaties designed for the maintenance of peace.

The treaties replace the treaty with the British Empire of 1914. They provide separate commissions for the settlement of disputes instead of one commission for the United States and Britain. Though negotiated last year, the treaties had not previously been formally ratified.

AMERICAN WAR EXERCISES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The biggest war exercises in the history of the west coast began at dawn yesterday when a mythical invading fleet was sighted by the Los Angeles Coast Guard.

There have been two days of a "war of nerves" while the attack was expected, obviously with the intention of spreading out the defenders.

Big guns at Fort Worden opened fire on the umpires ruled that the fleet was destroyed after 16 minutes.

The "imaginary" fleet continued down the Sound to Seattle. The huge McChord Airfield and half the defending air force were judged destroyed.

CHUNGKING PEOPLE REMAIN CALM

CHUNGKING, Aug. 14 (Central).—In spite of continuous Japanese air raids the people in Chungking remain calm.

During yesterday's raid 60 bombs were dropped on the city and the surrounding areas. Most of the bombs dropped were incendiaries but fire brigades and A.R.P. units quickly brought fires under control.

Convoys Have Safe Passage To Far East

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The safe arrival of all convoys in the Far East during the past few months without the loss of a single officer or airman by enemy action is announced by the Air Ministry.

This is a great tribute to the vigilance and efficiency of the escorting warships and aircraft, which passed on the convoys one to the other throughout the 10,000-mile journey.

The convoys carried many thousands to swell the ranks of the R.A.F. in the Far East. The voyage from a northern port in Britain of one liner and her arrival in Singapore a few days ago with a large number of officers and men was typical of many voyages of this year by other convoys.

It was the second liner to arrive in Singapore during the last fortnight. "We have not had the smell of a U-boat or Condor (German long-range monoplane)," was the comment of one officer on arrival.

WARSHIPS ESCORTS

"Of course we had had warships mothering us the whole time and in some areas of the route we were continuously protected from air attack or lurking submarines by escorting Bienhelms, Hudsons or Sunderlands."

"In fact, the journey was so peaceful and comfortable that we might have been travelling in pre-war days, for although the voyage was long and rather tedious, especially in the Tropics, it was a comfortable passage and entirely without incident."

These officers and airmen are not replacing others going home at the end of their term of duty but are reinforcements needed to staff new aerodromes now in operation in Malaya and Burma. Most of these men come from important bomber, fighter and coastal stations in Britain and all have first-hand experience of day and night air war. Their knowledge of active war is an immense help to those with whom they are now working.

LITTLE ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY OVER U.K.

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—An Air Ministry communique last night states: "This morning one or two enemy aircraft crossed the northeast coast and dropped bombs at points a short distance inland. No extensive damage was done but a small number of casualties have been reported."

"Elsewhere there was very little enemy activity and there are no reports of any bombs having been dropped."

VICHY GOVERNMENT PERTURBED BY INTERNAL CHAOS IN FRANCE

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The following official comment was made in London yesterday on Marshal Petain's broadcast: "Marshal Petain's speech betrays in unmistakable terms the utmost anxiety on the part of the Vichy Government in regard to the internal condition of France."

"The long and abject record of dishonour and surrender of this government has beyond any doubt reduced its prestige and popularity with the French people to the vanishing point and has brought about a state of affairs in which the people are turning with growing hope towards Britain and the Allies and ardently desire an Allied victory."

"The Government have accordingly taken to themselves the widest dictatorial powers and have placed these powers in the hands of Admiral Darlan who will thus be placed in the strongest possible position to force upon the French people those measures of further surrender and further collaboration with the Axis which he has in mind and which it would be otherwise impossible for him to foist upon his compatriots."

SUBJUGATION OF PEOPLE

"The form of government envisaged for France in Marshal Petain's speech is not only designed for the purpose of subjugating and silencing the French people and enforcing upon them a policy which they detest. It is also designed with a view to maintaining those forms of government which already obtain in

Germany and Italy, thereby underlining the determination of the Vichy Government to ally itself more closely than ever with the Axis."

"The fate of such a form of government, lacking any measure of spontaneous and popular support in the country upon which it is imposed, is not likely to be a happy one."

PROPAGANDA

German fear of propaganda in France is shown by the manner in which the Vichy correspondent of the official German news agency refers to the decisions announced in the Petain broadcast last night.

Referring to the establishment of a new general secretariat for Information and Propaganda, the correspondent says: "This is regarded in well-informed circles as an instrument for putting an end to every form of private propaganda activity. All further information services in the country will be directed by the Government. Dislocation of organisations which have hitherto carried on private propaganda activity, by circulating leaflets and other material is part of the action taken by the Government to suppress such propaganda centres."

Australian Representation In London Important For Imperial Policy, Strategy

SYDNEY, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—It is essential for Australia to have permanent representation in the London Cabinet because her future, as never before, depends on Imperial policy and strategy, said Sir Earle Page, Minister of Commerce, in a statement yesterday. He added that the disposition of Empire forces is of supreme importance to her security.

Australia's voice in London must be authoritative but at the same time the Government must be carried on in Australia. Proposals which Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Prime Minister, is submitting to Parliament will remove doubts on that score.

Mr. Menzies is the best man to represent Australia. Much depends on Australia showing a bold united front when Parliament meets. The psychological effect of a demonstration of national solidarity would be immense, he concluded.

LABOUR OPPOSITION

While the Labour Opposition leader, Mr. John Curtin, has not yet committed himself on the proposal that the Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, should go to London for war consultation, his Deputy Leader Mr. Forde, and the former Federal High Court Justice Dr. H. W. Evatt and Mr. J. A. Beasley, who comprise the Labour representation on the Federal War Council, announce their opposition to Mr. Menzies' departure for London.

Their opposition is based on the ground that Mr. Menzies' place is in Australia at this critical time.

Several New South Wales members of the Federal Parliament also oppose the proposal.

HIGH POLICY

MELBOURNE, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The Australian War Cabinet yesterday considered matters of high policy in consultation with the service chiefs. They also further discussed the Far Eastern situation and later reviewed soldiers' pay.

Mr. P. C. Spender, Minister for War, announced that allotments to dependents of missing soldiers would be payable for six months after soldiers are reported missing.

There was a wide discussion on the procedure to implement the Cabinet requirement that Mr. Menzies should proceed to London and it is expected that it will be further considered in a War Council meeting on August 14.

It is probable also that the resolution will be submitted to both Houses of Parliament separately.

The support of a large majority of the labour caucus is expected although interest at the moment is centred on sessional Party meetings.

OPEN RESENTMENT TO PRESENT NAZI MASTER

LONDON, Aug. 14 (BWS).—It would be difficult to find a parallel to the universal resentment to Nazi rule in Europe, says the Manchester Guardian and tabulates some of the forms in which the occupied countries are showing open resentment to the arrogance of the present Nazi master.

"Even in Denmark, the most powerless of Hitler's victims, a historian goes to prison for writing an attack on the Nazis in the form of a book on Fichte."

"In Holland, opposition is so open that the burgo-masters of Rotterdam, the Hague and Utrecht have had to issue an appeal to the citizens not to inscribe anti-Nazi sentiment on walls and buildings."

"A few weeks ago, the former Premier, Dr. Collin, and 60 members of his party were put into concentration camps."

MUST SHOUT

"Instructions to soldiers are significant. They are told that if they want to give orders to a Dutchman, they must shout because Dutchmen are apt to answer back, that if a German soldier is refused a seat in a tram he must

clear the tram and travel alone, and that it is unwise to walk too near the banks of a canal."

"In Belgium, tension is said to be worse than any time in the last war. The Belgians, who had been forbidden to celebrate their national fête day on July 21, held great demonstrations at Brussels, Antwerp, Bruges and other towns, booing the Nazis and their collaborators and sometimes using violence to Flemish extremists."

"In Norway, the Nazis have tried every method of repression, taking great numbers of hostages, but the paper with the largest circulation in the country is the illegal 'Free Norway,' distributed by agents liable to heavy punishment."

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Another broadcast to the United States from Z.B.W. was given by MR. HARRISON FORMAN, prominent N.B.C. commentator, yesterday.

The text of Mr. Forman's broadcast follows:—
Hello, N.B.C. This is Harrison Forman speaking from Hongkong, China, on the opposite side of the globe from most of you in America. It's exactly ten minutes to nine in the morning here—Thursday morning.

Yesterday I called upon the newly-arrived General Officer Commanding the Troops in China, Major-General C. M. Maltby. Though he received me well after the closing hour of a normal working day, he was still at his desk piled high with papers and such. He wore khaki shorts and an open-necked shirt, and a deeply bronzed face brightened by a pair of good-natured eyes, and topped with a shock of lustrous sandy hair. Muddy shoes and burrs on his socks suggested a strenuous day in the open with his troops.

INSTANT LIKING

I liked him instantly. And so does everyone I've talked to about him—especially military men. He's a man's man, a soldier's soldier, who isn't afraid to dirty his hands. A man to inspire confidence, and the man necessary to counterbalance civilian Hongkong's ostrichism.

I asked him what he thought of Hongkong, and her chances if war came to her doorstep. A military man, he answered in military terms:—

"Hongkong has the greatest concentration of guns in the British Empire of all types, from the biggest of large-calibre coastal defence guns to high-altitude anti-aircraft guns. And from what I've seen during my rounds of inspections I can say that I am more than satisfied with the degree of efficiency, training and accuracy of fire of the gunners in their practice shoots. More than pleased, too, with the men themselves, who are mostly seasoned troops of extraordinary high morale."

"I'm confident," he concluded, "that we'll put up a jolly good show come what may."

Well, in my opinion, blitzkrieg war has proven the value of two important weapons—the tank and the warplane. For Hongkong, the principal part of which is built on a comparatively small island of steep-sided hills, the tank is immediately ruled out. But with Jap-

anese aerodromes in occupied Chinese territory only minutes distant by air, the threat of an air blitz here should be the baldest of a grim one indeed.

NO AIR FORCE

Apparently, Hongkong has no air force stationed here to meet this threat. The Nipponese, however, are suspicious of this. All signs here point clearly to a British determination to defend this place strongly against any threat of Japanese blitzkrieg planes.

In Singapore some weeks ago, Air Vice-Marshal Pullard, Commanding the R.A.F. in the Far East, commented on Britain's air power in Malaya. Said he:—

"Do not imagine the air force here is solely for the defence of Singapore. In the last year or so we have completed a chain of military aerodromes that stretch to the northern frontiers of Malaya and in Burma, to the frontiers of China."

Now, I have a pretty good idea that in the last few months literally hundreds of American war-planes—Lend-Lease stuff—have been pouring into Malaya and Burma, and mysteriously disappearing up country. And a haunting suspicion must be beginning to form in the minds of various Japanese across Hongkong's borders that should they attempt an air-blitz here, squadrons of these American war-planes may suddenly appear at their backs, operating from "Somewhere in Free China," streaming in along a dotted line of secret air bases reaching all the way back to Burma and Singapore.

NO LONGER ISOLATED

Hongkong, then, may no longer be the isolated outpost of Britain in the Far East. And perhaps the growing defensive strength of Britain at Singapore has by now reached proportions where its defensive sphere of influence has already been extended to include Hongkong.

I now return you to NBC.

FAREWELL TO D.A.R.P. BY WESTERN DIST.

A farewell inspection of the Western Division of air raid wardens was made by Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, at the Ellis Kadoorie School ground yesterday.

About 400 wardens paraded under the command of Divisional Warden J. B. Harrison.

Accompanied by Mr. B. H. Puckle, Deputy Director of A.R.P., Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins was welcomed by Mr. Harrison and Deputy Divisional Wardens A. H. Veltman and Fung Yam-lueng.

Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins, in saying good-bye, expressed admiration for the co-operation and keenness of the wardens. He congratulated the wardens on their smart turn-out and wished them success in the future.

Amongst those present were Messrs. G. A. Pentreath, Chief Air Raid Warden, Hongkong, A. E. Gerondal, Deputy Chief Air Raid Warden, Hongkong, and E. Manning, Head Warden, Western District.

Kuomintang Member Passes Away

The death of Mr. Chang Chung, well-known Kuomintang member, occurred in Chungking on August 11, after a few days' illness.

Mr. Chang was a member of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee, acting Vice-Director of the Kuomintang Organisation Board, and Adviser to the National Military Council.—(Central News).

OBEY ORDERS

Thirty-one Chinese organisations in Peking have cabled Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, requesting the Government to strictly forbid the 18th Group Army from making illegal movements.

A telegram was also addressed to General Chi Teh, Commander-in-

H.C.L. INQUIRY

FOURTH MEETING OF COMMITTEE

At the fourth meeting of the High Cost of Living Advisory Committee, comprised of Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall (Chairman), Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. A. J. C. Taylor, Mr. Ng Chak-wing, and Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, with Mrs. W. A. Jones, as Secretary, held in the Chairman's Chambers on Wednesday, Mr. E. P. Streetfield, Accountant of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, made a statement with regard to what the Bank had done in connexion with a high cost of living allowance to their dollar-paid employees.

Mr. J. Smith, Chief Engineer of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, also made a statement in regard to the position of the daily, weekly and monthly paid employees on the workshops.

At the meeting to be held on Monday, it will be decided by the Committee which of the junior members of the Service are to be called to testify.

It is the hope of the Committee to finish the taking of evidence by the end of next week.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS

The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited):—

Taok Loong, from Shanghai; Kue Man Tai, c/o Chang Cheung Sang, 34 Peel Street, 1st floor, from Shanghai; Chan Kut, 402 Luk Kwok Hotel, from Shanghai; Li Yuk Man, Tai Chung Wa Boarding House, from Shanghai; Yeung Sui Lin, 2 Kimberley Road, Kowloon, from Shanghai; Kishin-chand, c/o Fancy Bazaar, Queen's Road, from India; Arab, Kowloon Hotel, from Tokyo.

Chief of the Army, and Mr. Mao Tse-tung, leader of the Chinese Communist Party, urging them to obey orders.—(Central News).

WELL-KNOWN FINANCIER ON PACIFIC SITUATION

Japan's War Of Nerves Has Killed The "Golden Goose"

"Japan will try to get everything out of Thailand that she can without having to go to war," stated SIR VICTOR SASSOON, the well-known Shanghai financier, when interviewed yesterday by a Hongkong Daily Press reporter.

Sir Victor, who was in Shanghai about a month after returning from a visit to the United States, said that the Northern port had now to expect bad times ahead as the effect of the recent freezing order directed against Japan would be felt there in a measure to prove a serious obstacle to business.

The war of nerves played up by Japan had brought forth a very unexpected result. The Japanese, he, in fact, Sir Victor said, now "killed the goose that laid the golden eggs." Shanghai had been one of their most profitable centres of trade.

Should war come to the Far East, and this he very much doubted, the status of the International Settlement in Shanghai would no be altered beyond the point where it could still serve as a necessary neutral zone in a warring world.

INT'L SETTLEMENT

It would be as disadvantageous a step for Japan to seize the International Settlement as it would be for Germany to take Lisbon, Sir Victor added.

True, the Japanese have on more than one occasion threatened to seize the Settlement and have, thus, played on the nerves of the residents there and such others as have interests in Shanghai.

He, for one, was not perturbed by all this, Sir Victor said. Neither would anyone be who had been brought up not to be frightened by threats.

The younger generation, Sir Victor said, have been brought up to be frightened. There was evidence of this in the life of today, and modern institutions have contributed toward making people scared.

SCARING PROPAGANDA

"For instance," Sir Victor added with a smile, "if you see an advertisement warning you that bleeding gums may result should you not use a certain brand of tooth paste, you rush immediately to avail yourself of the warning. You see everywhere notices advising you to employ some preventive for Hongkong foot, and you are thus developing a mind that becomes easy prey to scaring propaganda."

Sir Victor will be leaving shortly for Singapore.

Broker Is Accused Of Theft Of \$4,500 Cheque By Trick

Further hearing in the case in which CHAN YAU-SANG, alias Chan Yau-sang, alias Chan Tang, 53, broker, who was charged with larceny by a trick of a cheque for \$4,500, issued by the Man Cheong Bank from Wong Yick-sam, junk owner, of No. 23, Connaught Road West, was adjourned until today by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C. at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Chan was additionally charged, together with PANG TIM, alias So Tim, 24, broker, and HO SO, 27, boatman, with having conspired together to steal the cheque.

Mr. Alfred Y. Hon, assisted by Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley, prosecuted while Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios appeared for the defence.

Chan Tak-yuen, employee of the complainant's firm, and in charge of junks, in evidence, said that on or about July 1, he was introduced by To Sing to third accused. The latter asked him if it was true his

master had lost several junks, to which he replied, "Yes." Third accused was alleged to have said that he had a friend in the Japanese Consulate who was an interpreter and who might be able to do something about the matter. Later that evening, he reported what had passed to his master.

On July 10, he met third accused at the Ko Shing tea-house, where he was taken by him to the Hoi Chuen furniture shop at No. 321, Hennessy Road. First and second accused were also there and they were introduced to him. Cheung Chap-sang, another lunk of the Sam Yick Shipping Company, was together with him at the shop.

PRICE ASKED

First accused then brought up the subject of the junks lost by his master and he told witness that he was interpreter at the Japanese Consulate and was able to obtain means to release the junks. The price he asked for was \$5,000, but the sum of \$4,500 was agreed upon, and it was also agreed that the junks would be released within seven or ten days.

On July 11, the amount was paid into the Man Cheong Bank by Cheung Chap-sang, in the presence of second and third accused, for which a draft was given to Cheung in receipt of the money.

After seeing the cheque handed over, second accused told him that the next day he must take the cheque to the first accused at the Hoi Chuen furniture shop, in order that first accused may telegraph for the release of the junks from Swatow.

On the following day, the master and witness went to the shop where first accused was seen writing behind a counter. Second and third accused were also there.

After showing the cheque to first accused, the latter said that the junk would be handed over within a week or ten days at Stanley Bay, and he produced a paper which he was writing when witness and his master arrived and he asked witness to sign it, saying that the paper would be given back. Witness refused, but on his master's instructions, signed the paper.

WAS TO BE SEALED

First accused then took an envelope and put the paper and the cheque in it which he said was to be sealed. His master objected and a struggle then ensued in the midst of which second and third accused got frightened and ran away. Witness and his master, however, succeeded in taking the envelope from first accused, and on opening it, the master found that the papers were gone.

His master went out to phone and told witness to watch first accused, but the latter managed to

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SHENSI OFFICIALS SWORN IN

General Hsiung Pin, newly-appointed Chairman of Shensi, and other members of the Provincial Government including Messrs. Ku Jen-fa, Peng Chao-hsien, Lin Mien-chih, Ma Ling-fu and Liu Chin-hsien, were sworn in at a ceremony held at the Provincial Government Headquarters.

Mr. Chang Chi, member of the Central Supervisory Committee, administered the oath of office on behalf of the National Government.—(Central News).

BUS INCIDENT

About 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning, a well-dressed Chinese, travelling in a No. 6 bus to the Kowloon Star Ferry, was alleged, accused by a fellow-passenger, believed to be a Portuguese, as a pickpocket. He was allegedly struck several times before he was handed to the Police, who sent the man to hospital for treatment.

escape through a side door. When his master returned, he accompanied the former and Yuen Hoi-chuen, who claims to be the master of the shop, to No. 2 Police Station, where a report was made.

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TRANSPORT IS GERMANY'S BIGGEST PROBLEM: PART PLAYED BY R.N. & R.A.F.

To relieve their own transport system and those of the Low Countries and Northern France, the Germans are forced on to the sea. Night after night our heavy bombers go over and upset their railway communications even more, which pushes more traffic on to the sea where it is discovered and sunk," said LIEUT.-COMDR. THOMAS WOODRUFFE, B.B.C. naval observer, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the seriousness of the German shipping position.

Comdr. Woodruffe opened his talk by saying that for the past month hay-makers in the valleys off the south coast of England had seen R.A.F. bombers roaring out over the Channel on their way to attack enemy ports like Rotterdam, while other bombers had swept out of the sky on Heligoland or on the Atlantic coast of France.

CARGOES DESTROYED
"In the course of these operations they have sunk, damaged or put out of action nearly 300,000 tons of enemy shipping," continued Comdr. Woodruffe. "After these attacks, enemy ships have been left blazing furiously and even if they were not sunk, their cargoes have been destroyed."

"Why do the Germans expose such valuable supplies, especially oil, to the risks at sea when they occupy practically the whole mainland of Europe and they can be sent by a safer route far inland? The answer is because they have to do so."

"Before the war, the internal communications of roads, railways and inland waterways could not carry all the Continental traffic. A large coastal carrying trade was organised to help and an endless stream of small coasters plied between Holland and France and Germany. This move took a large part of the burden off internal communications."

GERMANY'S PROBLEMS
"Consider Germany's problems now. She has overrun most of Europe and she has armies of occupation from the North Cape to the Spanish frontier on the Pyrenees. One thing the Nazis neglected in their preparations for total war was their own railway system. They built potential motor roads and told the world about them, but these cannot carry what the railways carry. "All her armies have to be supplied with food and stores and these armies are being continually moved about. To relieve their own transport system and those of the

Low Countries and Northern France, the Germans are forced on to the sea.

Night after night our heavy bombers go over and upset their railway communications even more, which pushes more traffic on to the sea where it is found and sunk."

NAVAL BLOCKADE
"Our naval blockade is also responsible for this disruption to a large extent. The only oil supply open to Germany is in Rumania. So Germany has to supply herself and all Europe with oil."

"In France there was one very efficient road transport system. This hardly functions at all now. Our sea blockade increases Germany's transport problems and our bombing is helping the Navy. As a result we have had combined operations."

Comdr. Woodruffe said that in the Mediterranean the Axis had to supply a large army in Libya and North Africa. These supplies had to come by sea and British destroyers and aircraft had taken a heavy toll of them.

"You don't find German and Italian ships on the seas as you do ours," continued Comdr. Woodruffe. "There are now over 2,000 allied ships at sea. The strain on Axis shipping, therefore, is increasing."

COMBINED OPERATIONS
"If they want more ships, the enemy will have to divert material and labour from their munition works to build them and this will quickly interfere with their plans for military operations overseas."

"Transport is Germany's biggest problem in Europe today and the Royal Navy, by its blockade, and the R.A.F. by its strategic bombing, are playing their part in making it difficult for Germany to solve it."

"So when you hear of German ships being intercepted, railway yards being bombed, an Italian tanker torpedoed, or a British Consul refusing navicerts, remember that all these events form a part of these combined operations against Germany," concluded Comdr. Woodruffe.

BISHOP WILSON

The Right Rev. J. L. Wilson, formerly Dean of St. John's Cathedral in Hongkong, was enthroned as third Bishop of Singapore at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Tuesday in an impressive service in which Chinese pastors participated, says Central News.



BISHOP HALL LEAVING
Bishop Hall is leaving the Colony shortly for a visit to the United States, where he will lecture for two months at the Episcopal Theological Seminary, Cambridge, Mass., on mission work.

He hopes to meet in San Francisco, Dr. Noel Hall, his brother, who recently received on behalf of Mr. Winston Churchill the honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law from Rochester University.

While in the United States, the Bishop will make appeals for financial aid for Bishop Tsu, of Yunnan.

Yesterday, Bishop Hall received and accepted an invitation to speak with Miss Agnes Smedley, in Hollywood, on "Assistance to China."

Bishop Hall is expected to return to Hongkong by Christmas.

DARLAN CALLS FOR SUPPORT

FRANCE CAN BE REBORN

ADMIRAL DARLAN, in a broadcast from Vichy France yesterday, called for full support for the new constitutional regime, says a Reuters Bulletin.

"France can now be reborn. Defeat must not lead us to despair but to meditation. That meditation will help to make full use of the country's national reserves."

Admiral Darlan added that all three armed forces would have the same slogan, namely, honour, fatherland, courage and discipline.

MORALE UNAFFECTED
The defeat of the nation could not affect the morale of men whose heroism even the enemy had acknowledged at Dunkirk, Narvik and recently in Syria.

In the meantime, increasing signs of unrest are reported to have followed Marshal Petain's broadcast. Trains bringing soldiers from Syria are reported to have been stoned and the men booted.

The Government has prohibited the flying of the American flag because it causes anti-Vichy demonstrations.

Admiral Darlan, in an Order of the Day addressed to the armed forces, expressed his pride in the great honour of the new position in control of all French armed forces which Marshal Petain had entrusted to him.

All could count, he said, on his determination, impartiality, spirit of justice and affection.

Admiral Darlan said he knew he could count on the devotion of all to the cause of France so nobly defended by Marshal Petain.

TOKYO OFFICIALS MYSTIFIED

TOKYO, Aug. 14 (Reuters)—Government officials here are mystified by the foreign report to the effect that Mr. Matsuoaka is being appointed as Japanese envoy to Indo-China.

Well-informed quarters consider that "such an appointment seems highly unlikely."

SUBMISSION TO AXIS IS ACCENTUATED BY VICHY

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuters)—Turning its back on the United States, Vichy has still further accentuated its submission to the Axis," says a leading article of the *FRANCE*, the independent French newspaper published in London.

"It is for the Governments of London and Washington to draw the obvious conclusions and to take the necessary precautions."

For a fortnight, the writer says, Admiral Darlan had been subjected to a double assault. On the one hand, from Paris where Nazi journalists accused him of showing insufficient zeal for the "defence" of the Empire and of the hesitation in demanding German aid for the defence of Africa.

"On the other hand," adds the leader, "the revolt of the French public opinion had increased."

"Exasperated by the Syrian affair, then by the abandonment of our finest Colony (Indo-China), the French, in these past weeks despite censorship, prisons and direct attacks, have found means to express their anger and disdain."

"Admiral Darlan, however, was not in the position to hesitate."

NO ATTEMPT
"No attempt at resistance would have been sufficient to ingratiate him with the French public opinion which has always ranked him with the Quislings."

"The resistance for him—supposing he ever had such a wish—would mean resignation. And Admiral Darlan loves nothing so much as power. It is to power that he has hitherto sacrificed his country," he says.

"Whether General Weygand attempted or not to oppose this new game is of little importance."

"Having consented some days ago to be placed under the orders of Admiral Darlan whom he hates, General Weygand has hastened to pay tribute to the Regime and to illustrate the methods which he has held up as an example to the French."

PERMITS FOR MANCHUKUO

HANKING, Aug. 14 (Reuters)—Foreigners now require permits to travel between places within Manchukuo, it is announced.

This is addition to the recent regulations stipulating that visas for entry into Manchukuo are valid for one trip only.

LUK KWOK WEDDING



Mr. Luk Jarm-chuen and his bride, formerly Miss Ho Suk-wan, who were married at the Luk Kwok Hotel, Wanchai.—(Ki's Studio).

CATALINA FLYINGBOATS FROM U.S.

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuters)—American-built Catalinas which have been arriving across the Pacific from the United States in a steady stream in the past few months, "cover the waterfront" from the Arabian Sea to well south of the equator and from the China seas near y to Africa, says the Air Ministry news service.

Operating from bases in Malaya and Ceylon they have already since their arrival in the Far East flown on patrol a distance equal to about six times round the world.

Their task is to keep ceaseless watch for raiders and submarines and the deterrent effect of their presence is shown by the decline in enemy activity in this theatre of war. They are also called on to act as long range bombers and to undertake routine patrols in anti-submarine reconnaissance. One machine patrolled the Indian ocean 184 hours before returning to its base.

Suspicion Which Clouded Russo-Turkish Relations Is Now Much Dispelled

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuters)—Commenting on the joint Anglo-Russian declaration, *THE TIMES* writes that the value of this joint diplomatic action by the belligerent Governments of Great Britain and the Soviet Union depended in no small degree upon the reception by the Turkish Government.

They have, in fact, welcomed it warmly and comments in the Turkish Press show that the Turkish public realises its importance. Its first effect has been to dispel much suspicion which had clouded Russo-Turkish relations in recent years. Another good result will undoubtedly be realised in Turkey and also by those nations of Eastern Europe which have been temporarily deprived of their liberties by fascist aggression.

The nations which have paid dearly for their loyalty to the cause of international good faith will also be assured by our action that the British policy does not confine its interest to "great" Powers.

POLITICAL FORTUNES
They will rightly infer that we are and shall remain as deeply interested as ever in the independence, prosperity and political fortunes of states—Greece is one—that are not reckoned as "great" Powers by international standards of computation, although their fidelity, principles and fortitude in adversity have given them a moral stature surpassing that of some more powerful nations.

The joint declaration also guarantees Turkey against another danger. Her Government have signed a pact of neutrality with Germany. Should the Nazi Government fail to respect that pact, the Anglo-Russian declaration

UP TO CERTAIN POINT

TOKYO, Aug. 14 (Reuters)—Commenting on Anglo-American assistance to Russia, the *ASAHI SHIMBUN* says that Japan is "interested up to a certain point," indicating that the Government would much rather say nothing on this subject at this time.

The issue was raised at a Press conference in view of Japanese Press avoidance of it although shipments are reported to be en route to Vladivostok.

The spokesman made a disclaimer of any official attitude being confused by other statements indicating that Japan would be embarrassed by aid via Vladivostok.

Since Japan does not have any strong grounds for objections it is believed that the issue may be left in the background unless unduly stirred up.

POPULAR LOVE NEST CLOSED

(Sunday Tribune Staff Reporter)

Singapore's Botanical Gardens where nightly kissing and cuddling have been the activities of thousands and the disgust of more almost since the opening day is shut to lovers.

No longer will the gardens be a notorious lovers' nest after dark. Singapore newspapers this week published official notices that the gardens will be closed in future one hour after sunset.

This will be something of a disappointment for those couples who found isolation and peace off the beaten track in the Botanical Gardens after dark, where Alice and Jim could wrap their arms around knowing that they were not under the disapproving eyes of mom and dad, that they could kiss and cuddle and not be disturbed.

The new order will be a bad break, too, for the snoopers who went around the park after dark searching for sin, if not so heavy a blow for the others who took a gentle stroll in the early evening.

Now, it will be less gentle and they'll just about make it with gates clanging at their heels.

The garden keepers who worked late in order to close the gates will go home earlier and the monkeys who played peep-eye from their tree-top roosts will be bored for entertainment, for those who haunted the pathways and shrubberies must now find other dark spots.

RAID CASUALTIES IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Aug. 14 (British Wireless)—Five hundred and one persons were killed and 447 injured as the result of air raids on the United Kingdom, states an announcement by the Ministry of Home Security yesterday.

NO ACTIVITY

No enemy air activity over Britain was reported during Wednesday night and an Air Ministry communique issued yesterday morning stated that there was nothing to report, says Reuters.

Caught Distributing Seditious Documents

Found guilty on charge of being in possession and distributing copies of "The Emancipation News," a seditious publication, and with being members of an unlawful society, two middle-aged Chinese, Lim Chong Bun and Chin Tian Hong, were convicted and sentenced by Mr. J. L. McCall, the district Judge, Singapore, to ten months' rigorous imprisonment each.

Facts which led to the arrest of these two men were disclosed by the prosecuting officer who said that while a detective sub-inspector was on rounds at Telok Ayer Street, he entered the house of one of his friends and while in conversation with him a packet was thrown into the house.

The sub-inspector picked it up and found that it contained copies of the "Emancipation News." He immediately went out of the house and found two persons, one of whom was carrying a bag, walking along the road.

GAVE CHASE
The sub-inspector gave chase and managed to arrest the accused who was carrying the bag.

GEN. AUCHINLECK

General Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, was in London recently and is now back at his headquarters, says Reuters.

ABBEY BURIAL FOR WILLINGDON

The ashes of Lord Willingdon will be buried in Westminster Abbey, says Reuters.

BADER SAFE

Wing-Commander Douglas Bader, D.S.O., D.F.C., the legless R.A.F. pilot, who was reported missing, is believed to be safe and a prisoner of war, it is learned in London by Reuters.

Refugees In The Colony

An increase of 45 in the number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government camps, etc., in the urban and rural areas is recorded in the Returns for the week ending on Aug. 9.

Urban Areas: King's Park—1,386 against 1,368 on Aug. 2; Ma Tau Chung—2,097 against 2,098 on Aug. 2; North Point—1,571 against 1,561 on Aug. 2; Morrison Hill—540 against 524 on Aug. 2.

Urban Areas (Squatters Camps): Tai Hang—2,547 against 2,546 on Aug. 2; Ngau Tau Kok—874 against 872 on Aug. 2.

Rural Areas: Kam Tin—2,473 against 2,475 on Aug. 2; Fanling Children's Camp—387 against 386 on Aug. 2.

Totals—11,875 against 11,830 on Aug. 2.

AMERICAN BASES

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clearing, grading and construction work is nearing completion.

This fort, named after the great American soldier, will be used as an army and naval base and will support the naval base which the United States naval engineers are building at Galleon Harbour in Portland Blight.

Thorough precautions have been taken against disease.

A large labour battalion, under the direction of Captain Hefferon of the United States Army, has been working upon the general improvement of sanitation and measures against mosquitoes to reduce the risk of malaria.

Subsidiary railway lines have been constructed to solve transport difficulties in connection with the hauling of building materials and equipment.

Portugal And Colonies

Ties With Motherland Never Closer

MADRID, Aug. 14 (Reuters)—The Portuguese Ambassador called at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday and strongly denied the report published in the Spanish Press that seven members of the Government of Mozambique had called on Field Marshal Smuts offering to form a "free government" in the Colony as soon as he (Smuts) wished it.

The Ambassador said that the report was vulgar and fantastic and pointed out that never before had the bond between Portugal and her Colonies been so close.

Following the Ambassador's call the evening papers gave prominence to his denial.

The message originally published which gave rise to the denial was an official Spanish news agency message from Lisbon which alleged that the news was "of an authoritative origin" and had been received from Pretoria.

FATAL LEAPS

A Chinese male, aged about 32, jumped off the veranda of the second floor of No. 336, Queen's Road Central, yesterday morning. He was removed to Queen Mary Hospital where he died shortly after admission.

About the same time, a Chinese female, aged about 30, jumped from the veranda of the second floor of No. 278, Des Voeux Road Central. She too was removed to hospital where she died.

Suicide is suspected.

CYCLE DAMAGE

A report made to the Police by Kung Ying-fat, of the Dairy Farm Ltd., stated that, after repairing his motor cycle No. 17, he attempted to start it when the engine caught fire. He borrowed an extinguisher from a nearby house and put it out. The damage done to the cycle was rather heavy.

The incident happened about 2.30 p.m. in Arbuthnot Road.

SPECTACLES LOST

Loss of a pair of turquoise frame spectacles by Mr. W. H. Powell, of Cable and Wireless between the China Emporium and the King's Theatre, has been reported.

UNEASY QUIET IN FAR EASTERN SITUATION

SINGAPORE, Aug. 14 (Reuters)—Uneasy quiet is the description applied by best informed circles to the present uncertainty in the Far Eastern situation.

It is pointed out that the rumoured pressure of the Kwangtung Army in Manchuria favours an anti-Soviet move and the unmistakable signs of Anglo-American preparedness in the South have momentarily increased Japanese hesitancy as to which course to take.

Nevertheless, it is clear that Japan is in a position where she will be unable to remain inactive much longer "with the present positive indications northward."

Meanwhile, observers are very much interested in Mr. Duff Cooper's statement in Washington that Britain is eager "to collaborate with the United States on parallel lines throughout the world" causing speculation of final upshot talks in Washington.

The Press comment on the Anglo-Soviet declaration to Turkey stresses the parallel features of the position of Thailand, insisting

that equally good results are achievable by the clear assurance of assistance to Thailand in case of an attack thereon.

ECONOMIC HELP
The matter of assistance and economic help is no less important than military as it is difficult to see how Japan can supply Thailand's needs of much oil and gunny bags, the latter for rice storage and export.

Anyway, the Japanese allegations that Thailand declined democratic assistance in advance are regarded here as typical Japanese propaganda.

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POISON ALLEGED

The body of a woman, aged about 30, was discovered at the junction of Tung Kun Street and Reclamation Street, Mongkok, on Wednesday night, and was removed to the Public Mortuary by the Police.

Death was alleged to be due to poisoning, believed to be self-administered.

TAILOR INJURED

Whilst walking with his wife on Wednesday night along Temple Street, a Chinese tailor was suddenly pounced upon by two unknown Chinese who, it was alleged, attacked him with scissor blades. He received facial injuries and was removed to hospital for treatment.

The alleged assailants made good their escape.

WATCH SNATCHED

Miss Santos, of No. 71B Wanchang Road, has reported that whilst walking along Nathan Rd., near Hamilton Street, on Wednesday, a person snatched her wrist watch.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

AT KOWLOON

DICE GAMBLING

Fourteen persons, on bail of \$10 each, were charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., yesterday with gambling dice at No. 70, Johnston Road, second floor, and eight of the 14 persons who appeared in court were fined 50 cents each, while the remainder had their bails estreated.

FALSE PRETENCES

Sze Mui-hung, 25, coolie, was fined \$10 or one week's hard labour by Mr. Sheldon when he was convicted on the charge of obtaining 144 porcelain bowls at No. 3 Hill Road, by false pretences.

It was stated that on July 31, at about 3.30 p.m. accused went to No. 3 Hill Road, ground floor, and told Lo Hoi, the storekeeper, that he was sent by the complainant, Wong Man-chin, 38, manager, of No. 79, Des Voeux Road, West, to collect the goods in question. As accused had been there on a number of occasions, the storekeeper did as he was told, but the complainant arrived on the scene shortly after, and on learning what had happened, detained accused.

Det.-Sgt. C. Pope prosecuted

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Lai Ping, 30, unemployed, was committed for trial by Mr. Sheldon when he was charged with breach of a life banishment order made out against him on Jan. 6, 1941.

Det.-Sgt. H. W. Jackson, the prosecuting officer, in evidence, said that accused was banished for life on Jan. 6, 1941.

After evidence for the prosecution, accused made a statement from the dock. He said that after he had landed at Nam-O he decided to return to his country in Wanchow. He was, however, stopped at Shau-chung by the Japanese. There were 20 of them in the party and after they had been subjected to assaults by the Japanese they were asked the reason for being there. They told the Japanese that they were banished.

He also said that after they were given a meal they were put in a boat and sent to Shataukok. The boat people had instructions to take them back to British territory and that was the reason why he was back in Hongkong.

POSTMAN CHARGED

Further evidence was heard before Mr. G. T. Lowry in the case in which Tso Kan, 33, Postman No. 131, was charged with breach of the Postal Regulations by endangering the safety of a registered letter by failing to return an undeliverable registered letter to his Superintendent Officer, at the General Post Office, on Dec. 21 last year.

Mr. D. C. W. Fitches prosecuted while Mr. E. S. C. Brooks appeared for defendant.

Mr. Fitches stated that defendant as a postman had no authority to detain an undeliverable registered letter or to make inquiries about its delivery which would be done by the Dead Letters Office.

Mr. Brooks said that he was quite prepared to plead guilty for defendant on the offence which was really a technical one.

Further hearing of the case was adjourned until today.

HEARING FIXED

Further hearing of the case in which Mo Kang, 51, a Senior Revenue Officer, Leung Chin, 23, Revenue Officer, Mo Yiu-keng, 29, draughtsman, Mo Kwan-pok, 21, draughtsman, Yu Yuk-lin, 21, married woman, and Li Yeung, 42, shopmaster, were charged with intimidation, was fixed by Major A. N. Macfadyen yesterday to Aug. 25.

The complainant is Chu Pak yuen, 29, merchant, of No. 109, Des Voeux Road, Central.

Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau, assisted by Det.-Sgt. W. Summers, prosecuted while Mr. S. Ng Quinn appeared for eleventh defendant and Mr. M. A. da Silva for the rest.

European R.O. Arrested

Revenue Officer C. J. Scott, aged 23, was, according to the Police, arrested yesterday on a charge of conspiring, with two other Chinese males who have also been arrested, to extort money from a person, and on three additional charges of demanding money with menaces.

The accused will appear before a Magistrate at Central Police Court today.

BOUND OVER

Chan Yan was charged before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson with common assault on San Loi-chun, who was his neighbour, at Ngau Tau Kok.

Pleading guilty on behalf of the defendant, Mr. Hin Shing-lo stated that on July 27 a quarrel arose between the defendant and complainant over the opening and closing of a door and foul language was used by both men.

Two days later, as defendant was returning from his brother's house with a bottle of acid in his hand he was attacked by complainant and three friends and during the fight he accidentally threw the acid which landed on the neck and back of complainant. Defendant was then struck and he fell to the ground and the complainant and his friends ran away. Defendant then went to the Kowloon City Police Station and made a report about the matter but he was charged with throwing the acid.

The acid, a very weak solution did not cause any damage to the complainant's person.

Defendant was bound over on \$50 to keep peace for one year.

RAID SHELTER MISUSED

Chan Chiu-lu, 30, described as a seaman, appeared before Mr. Anderson on a charge of obeying a call of nature in Air Raid Shelter No. 78 at Sa Po Road at 10 a.m. yesterday.

He was seen by a S. D. coolie who had him arrested.

Defendant was fined \$3 or in default 4 days' hard labour.

MOTOR BUS INCIDENT

Leung Lok-leung, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Anderson on a charge of receiving stolen property.

Mr. A. H. Ismail, of the Dairy Farm Ltd., stated that on Wednesday at about 8 p.m. he was travelling on a bus in Prince Edward Road and on the point of alighting he felt someone put a hand in his back pocket. He got off and discovered that his purse was missing so he boarded the bus, which was still stationary, and found his purse in defendant's possession. A struggle started and Mr. Ismail hit defendant across the face and with the help of a police reservist took the defendant to the Kowloon City Police Station.

Defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

MECHANIC FINED

Chan Sai-kau, 19, mechanic, appeared before Mr. H. C. Macnamara on a charge of assaulting his step-brother, Ip Hang-kee, newspaper hawk, at 12, Temple Street.

Defendant and his step-brother had a quarrel over a pair of spectacles and the result was a fight in which defendant struck his step-brother in the knee with a file.

He admitted the charge and was fined \$20 or in default 14 days' hard labour.

BOUND OVER

Lam Nga-hok, who was remanded for three days to make restitution of money he had embezzled from his employer, Samuel Chinn, was bound over in the sum of \$100 to be of good behaviour for one year when he appeared before Mr. Macnamara.

BLACK-OUT SUMMONSES

Some 40 summonses were heard before Mr. Macnamara for breach of Defence Regulations in allowing lights to be visible during a black-out.

Fines ranging from \$10 to \$20 were imposed.

WOMEN BARBERS

If the war lasts much longer, say the barbers, men will either have to shave themselves, be shaved by women—or grow an "all naval" beard.

Women will certainly cut men's hair.

The shortage of razors and shaving blades caused by the reduction of supplies to 25 per cent. of peacetime quantities will be one obstacle to self-shaving; but no one can estimate how many people who have never yet shaved themselves will now begin to do so.

"If women barbers are to take the place of men, where are they to come from?" asked Mrs. Ida J. Tinker, secretary of the Hairdressers' Parliamentary Council discussing the problem.

LACK EXPERIENCE

"Our files show that 90 per cent. of women hairdressers may be liable to registration for war work. Of the remainder, few have

ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL MODEL AEROPLANE ASSOCIATION IS URGED BY MR. FUNG SZE-WAN

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL MODEL AEROPLANE ASSOCIATION, THE HOLDING OF A NATIONAL MODEL AEROPLANE EXHIBITION AND FLYING CONTEST, the encouragement of model aeroplane making by middle and primary school students, and the training of personnel to teach the construction of model aeroplanes, and the establishment of model aeroplane scholarships were urged yesterday by MR. FUNG SZE-WAN, a director of the Hongkong Model Aeroplane League, at the meeting held at the Overseas Chinese Library, Bank of Canton Building, in observance of Chinese Air Force Day.

Among those who attended the meeting were Mr. Chow Chi-kang, Vice-Chairman of the Overseas Affairs Commission, Mr. Wang Hsiao-lai, Chairman of the Shang-hai Chamber of Commerce and Honorary Chairman of the League, Mr. Wu Han-chen, member of the Chinese National War Bonds Committee, and many others.

In a speech, following the opening ceremony, Mr. Fung dwelt on the significance of the occasion, and said that in marking the Day, the Chinese people should cultivate air-mindedness and promote aviation education, which can best be carried out by pushing the model aeroplane movement.

Mr. Chow Chi-kang and Mr. Wang Hsiao-lai also spoke, urging those present to support the promotion of aviation in China.

A telegram of tribute was sent to the Chinese Air Force following the meeting.

EXHIBITION HELD

In conjunction with the meet-

ing, a model aeroplane exhibition which is being held at the China Products Company, Des Voeux Road Central, was also opened during the day under the auspices of the League.

About 20 true-to-life models of the latest type of bombers and fighting planes were on display, and the exhibition was visited by a large number of people. It will remain open until Sunday.

A model plane flying contest will be held by the League on an open space in Waterloo Road, Kowloon, on Sunday. More than 120 model planes will take part in the contest, for which a number of valuable prizes, including trophies, watches and fountain pens, have been contributed by individuals and organisations.

Judges for the exhibition and the contest will be Major-General Chen Ching-yun, Messrs. Lam Fook-yuan, Wang Hsiao-lai, Chan Chuk-lam, Leung Shou-yat, and Lam Chip-sien.

Nanking-Sponsored Paper's Dissident Note

Admiring of the large drop of Nanking propaganda, a dissident note was struck by the KUO MIN HSIN WEN, a puppet paper in Shanghai, in its editorials on Aug. 7 and 9.

The editorial on Aug. 7 on how to strengthen the Nanking bogus regime declared that within Chinese territory a par between China's political power and Japan's military power should first be sought and later the former should be made to supersede the latter. No such par, it complained, has yet been reached.

The editorial then bitterly criticised the corruption of the puppet officials.

The editorial on Aug. 9, further discussing how to strengthen the Nanking regime criticised the bogus Ministry of Finance in Nanking for the delay in issuing the freezing orders and inability to exercise control over the local authorities. Such delinquencies, it said, place the Nanking regime in a "disgraceful position."

The editorial then questioned the sovereign rights of the so-called "Central Special Assets Commission" in North China, pointing out that all its members are Japanese. It charged the Japanese with transgression and contravention of the basic agreement between Wang Ching-wei and the Japanese Government.

It is said that Wang Ching-wei,

MARINE COURT

ANCHORED IN MINEFIELD

A fine of \$50 was imposed by Cmdr. J. Jolly on Lee Fat-wah, 30, master of fishing junk No. 1893HL of Macau, charged with having, on August 12, anchored his craft in the Tatfong Channel Minefield, a prohibited area, without the permission of the Harbour Master.

LIFTING FROM SEABED

Chan Pat, 36, and Chan Nga, 30, fisherwomen, were fined \$7 each when they pleaded guilty to having employed grappling irons or other means for the purpose of lifting articles from the seabed at Wanchai Bay without the permission of the Harbour Master.

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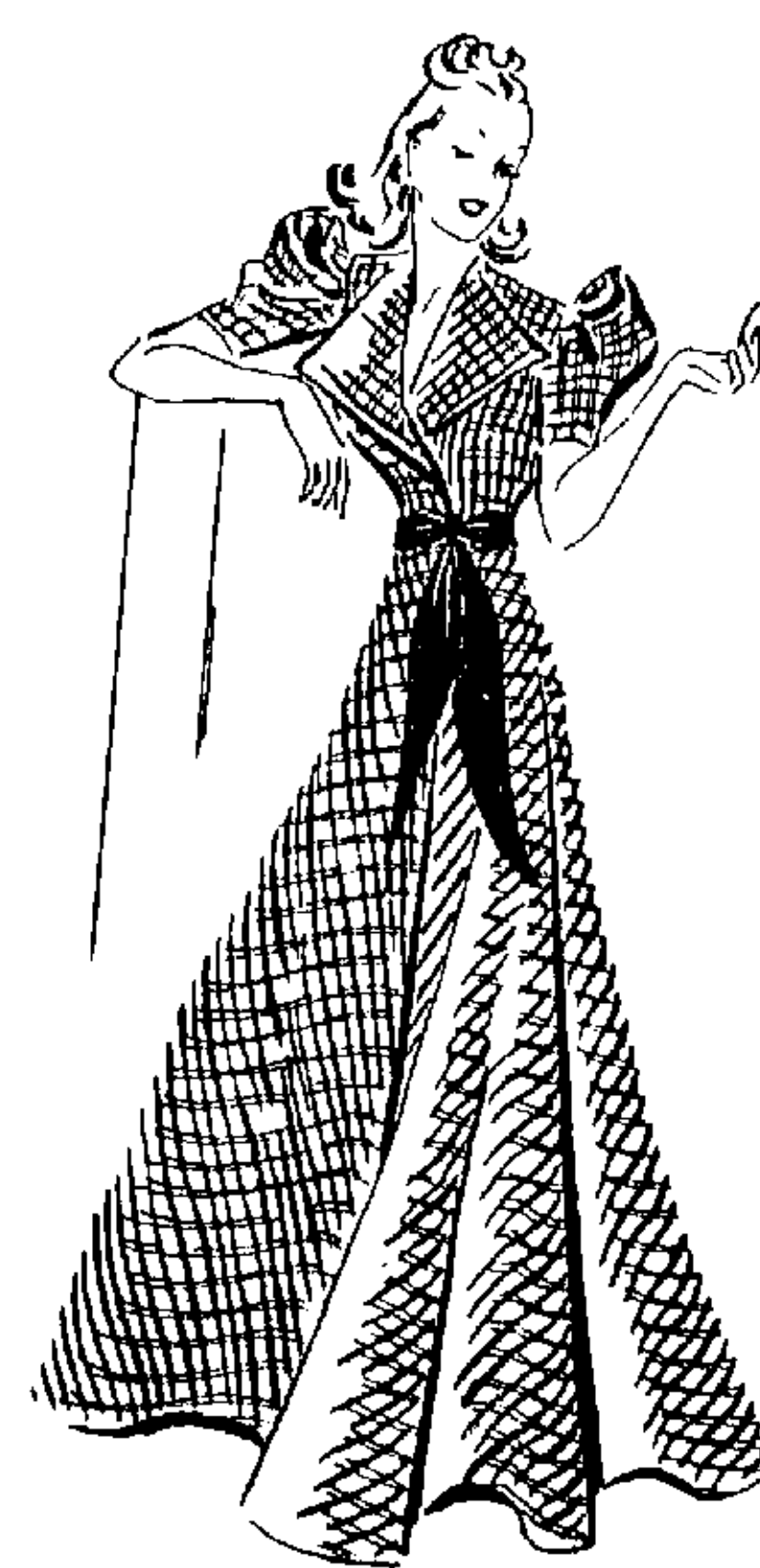
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No Other Changes In The Other Far-Flung Battle Fronts

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—A military commentary by ANNALIST states that "no material change has taken place in Russia's far-flung battle front, but the situation in the Ukraine has admittedly deteriorated in the south. On all other sectors the grim struggle is continuing without any marked advantage for either side."

"The only other progress claimed by the Germans is to the north of Lake Peipus where unconfirmed reports allege that they have reached the Baltic Sea, thus cutting off communication with Tallinn."

SHANGHAI TOOK NO CHANCES

Troops & Volunteers Patrol City

CHUNGKING, Aug. 14 (Central).—Extra precautions were taken in both the International Settlement and the French Concession on the fourth anniversary of the Shanghai war yesterday.

British and Italian troops and the Volunteer Corps turned out to assist the Police in maintaining order. Barbed-wire barricades were erected in the main thoroughfares while traffic in many side lanes and streets was blocked.

Similar vigilance was taken by the Japanese in the Hongkew and Nantao areas. Navigation in the Whampoo River was temporarily blocked, and train service on the Shanghai-Nanking and Shanghai-Hangchow Railways was suspended for one day.

VEGETABLE DIET

No commemorative meetings were held by the Chinese in Shanghai yesterday, but they suspended all amusements and entertainments and took a vegetable diet for one day. Donations for the State were collected and National War Bonds were purchased. The Kuomintang headquarters attached to the Chinese Seamen's Union remitted \$1,795 to Chungking.

The Chinese Youth Federation sent telegrams to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and the Chinese troops fighting on the front paying respects.

DUTCH READY TO FIGHT

Following the statement in the People's Council by Dr. Van Mook, Director of the Department of Economics, concerning the measures taken against Japan in line with British and American action, the President of the Council said:

"We are grateful to the Government for making this extremely important declaration. Both the People's Council and the population will take note of this declaration with the keenest interest."

The N.E.I. press is unanimous in expressing great satisfaction at the far-reaching measures taken. "We believe these to be the most important measures taken by the Government, measures that have the full and unconditional approval of the entire N.E.I.," says the Batavia Nieuwsblad.

According to the Java Bode, "if both parties adhere to their point of view, we shall very shortly be in the midst of a Pacific war—declaration or no declaration of war."

WAIT AND SEE

The Nieuws v.d. Dag says: "We should wait and see how Japan will react to these measures. It is impossible to foresee as yet what will happen. A decision may be made at any moment. It will be a decision between common sense and sentiment, between justice and power, between war and peace. We should not give up hoping, but meanwhile it is advisable to be prepared for everything."

Nrom's political commentator also keeps an open mind about the possibilities of war. He concluded his talk as follows: "The N.E.I. are far from being 'rattled' at this critical moment and, as an unbreakable link in the chain of the life of defence, they will do their duty, and more than their duty, should they be called upon."

"Our ancestors laid the basis for the greatness of this country,"

Burma Ready To Resist To The Last Man

RANGOON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—As gathering war clouds from Burma's neighbours, the Burmese people are grimly and methodically making preparations to resist any attack on their country.

"If the lives and happiness of 16,000,000 people are to be jeopardised by lust for power, we will defend ourselves to the last man, and we are not alone," is the answer of the ordinary Burmese to potential threats from abroad.

This great Buddhist country of pagodas and paddy lands has not known war for 63 years. Claiming religious kinship with other countries in the Far East, she realises that even religion would be endangered if her frontiers were violated by aggression.

For many months Burma has had to endure specious propaganda broadcast by interested countries but it has evoked only derision. In Burmese eyes, those who break the law against killing and commit crimes against peaceful nations stand self-condemned. Burma's attitude was typically illustrated by scenes witnessed by the Governor, Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, on his recent tour when chiefs of the frontier tribes renewed their pledge to die for the cause of liberty. Flattering Union Jacks and songs of martial valour were features of the enthusiastic welcome given to Sir Reginald. The tribes cheerfully accept black-out and other restrictions and would, if required, furnish formidable guerilla units.

AIRCRAFT LETTERS TO SERVICES

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The Queen will inaugurate a new service of aircraft letters to the Middle East forces by sending a message to General Sir Claude Auchinleck, the Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, on Friday.

The Postmaster-General and War Office announce that technical arrangements are now completed for messages to be sent on and after Friday to the Middle East and East African forces and warships in the Eastern Mediterranean, including fleet auxiliaries and merchantmen requisitioned for naval and military service.

"Postage" will be 3d. It is expected that letters will reach the base in a fortnight.

Nothing important occurred "on the war fronts yesterday" was the reply given by the Soviet military headquarters in Moscow to German claims of a sweeping advance in the Ukraine, writes Reuter's special correspondent.

It would be absurd for the Russians to use such phrases if something very important had happened and the absence of new place names in yesterday's Soviet communiques is a clear indication, in view of past Soviet practice, that there has been no advance by the main German forces.

This does not mean that advance German units may not again have ventured to push ahead, possibly towards Nikolae, the Black Sea port 70 miles northeast of Odessa, whose gigantic silos doubtless conjure up for the Germans visions of vast grain stocks.

Actually there is every reason to suppose that in accordance with M. Stalin's policy, the Russians would move this grain inland if Nikolae were seriously threatened, which is not yet the case. At all events, should a strategic retreat be necessary, the Russians can afford, after the harvest has been gathered, to abandon part of the Ukrainian farmland and may be expected to take up strong positions inside the bend of the Dnieper which from an industrial point, it would be very important to preserve.

AUSTRALIAN PLANE PRODUCTION

MELBOURNE, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Senator J. W. Leckie, Minister for Aircraft Production, stated yesterday that Australia would produce planes worth £20,000,000 in 1942 compared with £7,000,000 in 1941.

They will be of all types, from trainers to modern bombers. Mr. Leckie added that Beauforts would soon be coming off the production line at a steady rate.

and their descendants have built the structure as it stands today.

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BUSINESS CONDITIONS IN CANADA, 1941

CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY

Despite somewhat reduced operations in recent months the index of mineral production for the first four months of 1941 was 123.1 or 1.6 per cent higher than in the corresponding period last year. Wartime regulations prevent the release of detailed statistics covering the production of many non-ferrous metals, but it is fairly certain that the output of copper, nickel and zinc has attained record proportions. Prices paid for these metals have been fixed under long-term sale contracts with the British Government, and this price ceiling has discouraged the operation of submarginal mines but, on the other hand, has led established producers to increase output so far as possible in order to take full advantage of operating economies and offset increasing costs.

The production of gold continues slightly higher than last year, with every effort being made to increase operations in order to obtain urgently needed supplies of United States dollar exchange.

Generally speaking, uncertainties regarding taxes and costs together with financing difficulties, have discouraged the development of new properties. Recently, however, there has been some renewal of activity in prospecting, but no discoveries of importance have been reported. Up to April 30, 1941 Ontario gold producers milled 4,068,707 tons of ore recovering \$40,815,342, as compared with 3,802,447 tons (and \$39,853,000) at the same date last year. During the first quarter the value of Quebec production was \$10,315,613, 17.3 per cent greater than in the same period last year.

Petroleum operations in Turner Valley have been adversely affected by the recent action of the Provincial Government in increasing the royalty payable to the Crown from oil and gas production. This measure has had the effect of discouraging drilling for new wells at a time when Canada is being threatened with a serious oil shortage.

Domestic Government concessions regarding depreciation and depletion allowances, and the elimination of import duties on oil-drilling machinery are, however, expected to facilitate exploration and development.

While the Prairie Provinces are becoming increasingly independent of outside oil sources due to supplies from the Turner Valley field and the establishment of large-scale refineries, a shortage is rapidly developing in other parts of the Dominion. British authorities have issued a call for additional tankers. Since Eastern Canada and British Columbia depend largely upon lake and ocean tankers for the transportation of their supplies of crude petroleum the diversion of tankers from their usual routes may seriously reduce the supplies coming in to these sections. The oil controller has indicated that it may be necessary to restrict the use of petroleum products for non-essential purposes.

AGRICULTURE

Deliveries of wheat by western farmers have accelerated considerably since the conclusion of seedling operations. Storage and transportation facilities have, in most districts, been able to handle the movement without undue congestion. Weather conditions have been generally satisfactory with moisture abundant and the outlook for the coming crop is considered good. While there has been a considerable reduction in the acreage sown to wheat, present prospects are that with average conditions during the balance of the growing season, the output will be substantial. Acreages diverted from wheat production are being used for coarse grains, grasses or summer fallow in order to qualify for Dominion Government bonuses.

It is anticipated that Canadian production of oats, barley and flaxseed may be substantially larger than last year as a result. In Ontario scarcity of farm help and demands for higher wages are causing a reduction in the acreages sown to crops requiring intensive cultivation, the area allotted to field corn, hay crops and pasture being correspondingly increased.

An early spring and favourable weather conditions in the major fruit-growing districts of British Columbia, Ontario and Nova Scotia give promise of abundant yields. Large supplies of British Columbia apples have been held over from 1940; although the 1941 crop is expected to be smaller than that of 1940, it is feared that growers will have difficulty in finding a satisfactory market for their product. The 1940 Nova Scotia pack, amounting to only 818,000 barrels, has been entirely disposed of. Reports indicate that a normal crop of approximately 1,500,000 barrels may be expected in 1941.

On the whole, livestock came through the winter in good condition; pasture in practically all areas has been ample for spring feeding. Markets have been active and prices received for cattle satisfactory. Exports to the United States continue in good volume although somewhat below those reported for the first half of 1940. It is feared, however, that the high cost of feed supplies will tend to reduce the number of hogs maintained on Eastern farms.

Exports of agricultural products are at the present time largely confined to Great Britain and the United States. Trade with Great Britain is largely on a long-term contract basis and hence is little affected by price movements and other factors which normally influence trade. The volume of shipments to the United States, however, depends not only upon conditions in that market, but also upon the surplus available in Canada after British and domestic needs have been filled.

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Mayor La Guardia acted as M.C. at the auto-da-fe, which was the result of his order last autumn for investigation into the sale of such publications. Owner of the burned books was sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

INDIAN SANCTIONS LEAK BLOCKED

SIMLA, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The Government of India have taken steps to close a leak in the recent Japanese freezing orders to which attention has been drawn.

No goods imported from the Japanese Empire or China shall be cleared whether they are for home consumption or for shipment to a foreign port unless the Customs are satisfied that the whole carriage, insurance and freight value, excepting such part or parts as had been paid before July 26, has been paid into a blocked account or the owner has produced order from the Government of India permitting clearance.

The prohibition does not apply to goods imported from China by land to Burma, and from there by sea or land to India.

At the close of the first performance of anti-Nazi film "Pastor Hall," at a New York cinema recently, a man and his wife publicly denounced the management for "giving a distorted impression of Hitler and his men," threatened to show the screen if the cinema showed the reel again. Management appealed for and obtained police protection for the remainder of the run.

To flax growers in Australia, Canada, Egypt, the Argentine and India comes the news that British scientific workers have discovered how to control seed-borne flax diseases.

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American Cyanamid B.	39 1/2	Loew's Inc.	34
Amer. & Foreign Power	4 1/2	Martin, Glen L. Co.	27 1/2
Amer. & Foreign S.F. pl.	22	Montgomery Ward	32 1/2
Amer. Locomotive Co.	13 1/2	National Aviation	9 1/2
Amer. Metals	18 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	14 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	National Distillers	21
Amer. Rolling Mill	14 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	4 1/2	National Supply Corp.	12 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	18 1/2	New York Central	29
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	153 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	29
Amer. Tobacco "B"	70 1/2	N. American Aviation	14 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	27 1/2	North American Co. (New)	12 1/2
Anacosta Copper	28 1/2	Northern Pacific	7 1/2
Atchafalpa T. & S. Fe.	34	Packard Motors	3
Aviation Corp.	15	Pantepco Oil Ven.	4 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive Co.	4 1/2	Paramount Pictures	13
Baltimore & Ohio	10	Pennsylvania R.R.	23 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	37 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	27 1/2
Bendix Aviation	37 1/2	Pollman Inc.	9 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	15 1/2	Pure Oil	4 1/2
Bills & Co. E.W. (com.)	17 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	16 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	19	Reading Company, Com.	4 1/2
Borg-Warner	18 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	3 1/2
Briggs Mfg. Co.	4 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	3 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	4 1/2	Republic Steel	19 1/2
Canadian Pacific	26 1/2	Reynold Tobacco "B"	32 1/2
Celanese Corp.	37 1/2	Schenley Distillers	14 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	37 1/2	Shell Union Oil	14 1/2
Chrysler	57	Socony Vacuum Oil	9 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	24	Southern Pacific	13 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	22 1/2	Southern Ry. 4 1/2 pfd.	28 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	8	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	5 1/2
Consolidated Edison Co.	17 1/2	Standard Brands	18 1/2
Consolidated Oil	6	Standard Gas & Elec.	41 1/2
Copperweld Steel	15 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	41 1/2
Curtis Wright (C)	8 1/2	Studebaker Corp.	22 1/2
Distillers Corp. (Seagrams)	16 1/2	Swift International	9 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	69 1/2	Technicolor	42 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	9 1/2	Texas Corp.	4 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	9 1/2	Trans-America Co.	4 1/2
Elec. Autolite Co.	28 1/2	20th Cent. Fox Film, Com.	10 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	24	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	8 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 5 1/2 pfd.	52 1/2	Union Pacific	37 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 3 1/2 pfd.	57	United Aircraft	11
Elec. Power & Light 7 1/2 pfd.	33 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	9 1/2
Flintkote	14 1/2	United Corp.	23 1/2
Gen. Electric	31 1/2	United Corp. 3 1/2 cum pfd.	7 1/2
Gen. Motors	38 1/2	United Gas Improvement	7 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	14 1/2	U.S. Rubber	22 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	12 1/2	U.S. Steel	57 1/2
Goodrich (H.F.)	18 1/2	Vanadium	25
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	19	Vulcan Aircraft	7 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	17 1/2	Walworth Co.	5 1/2
Great Northern Ry. pfd.	26	Warner Bros. Pict.	4 1/2
Great Western Sugar	26 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	92
Inter. Nickel	26 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	26 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	17 1/2	Chase National Bank	30 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel. (Fon. Ia.)	24 1/2	National City Bank	27 1/2

DOW JONES AVERAGE

High	Low	Dow Jones Averages	Aug. 12	High	Low	Close	Change
133.50	116.30	Industrials	130.81	136.10	125.42	126.65	16 off
40.88	26.64	Rails	29.66	30.00	29.80	29.88	13 up
20.05	17.22	Utilities	18.34	18.37	18.23	18.31	03 off
92.19	89.06	Bonds	90.91	90.87	90.85	90.86	06 off
79.48	65.46	Commodity Index	78.12	78.58	78.58	78.58	46 up

Business Done:—420,000 shares

SINO-JAPANESE "DUEL" OVER RAW MATERIALS

A "diplomatic duel" is now being fought in Mexico between Mr. T. K. Ching, newly-appointed Chinese Minister, and Kiyoshi Yamagata, Minister without portfolio sent by the Tokyo government for a tour of Latin America, over raw materials, according to information received in Washington.

The Chinese Minister told the Press in Mexico City that the greatest contribution which the American peoples can make to strengthen Democracy is to refuse to sell raw materials to totalitarian nations for their war machine. Japan is acutely in need of raw materials, as proven by her frequent peace offers, Mr. Ching continued, adding that if they can be kept from her, the Imperialism of the Axis in the Far East will fail and China will defeat Japan.

According to the report from Mexico, the analysis of the critical need of Japan was made shortly after Mr. Yamagata and his mission arrived in Mexico on a tour of Latin America. Mr. Yamagata was accompanied by two secretaries whose position betrays the importance of the delegation. One, it is reported, is counselor to the Foreign Office in Tokyo on Latin American politics, and the other is an expert on Latin American economies.

The purpose of the Mission, it is said, is "purely one of increasing goodwill and trade between Japan and the countries." Mr. Yamagata said the mission has no connection with Japan's participation in the Axis front, Mexico, he said, is the most important of all of the Latin American countries because of its production of certain raw materials.

Mr. Yamagata's peaceful statement was promptly ridiculed by a spokesman of the Chinese Legation in Mexico City, who charged that the mission has a fourfold purpose, directly connected with the Axis war machine.

FOUR OBJECTIVES

These objectives are said to be:

1. Japan's military mission is to open a gateway through

the states of Sonora and Sinaloa for an attack upon the southern border of the United States. These states, bordering the Bay of Lower California, are sparsely populated and undefended. Many Japanese "fishermen" and "farmers" live along their coasts and the Bay of Lower California has been thoroughly studied by Japanese fishing fleets operating there in recent years.

2. Italy and Germany are "ready to move in Latin America" at a moment's notice. Mr. Yamagata is here to instruct all Japanese diplomats and colonies to cooperate fully with her Axis partners, particularly in sabotage and subversive activities.

3. The Japanese, being desperate for raw materials, will attempt to sabotage the recently created Douglas-Weichers committee, set up by the United States and Mexican governments to increase the flow of raw materials to the United States and of machinery and other essentials to Mexico. The Japanese will pursue their usual practice of overbidding Democratic purchasers.

4. Japan seeks to insure the

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

LOSING QUOTATIONS

AUGUST 14, 1941.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/4	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/4	
Credits 4 months' sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand	4 1/2
On Singapore:—	
On demand	52 3/4
On Japan:—	
On demand	102 1/4
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	82 5/8
and demand	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24 16/16	
Credits, 60 days' sight 25 5/8	
On Batavia:—	
On demand	46 3/4
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
On Manila:—	
On demand	106
On Bangkok:—	
On demand	149 1/2
On Sterlings Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate	Nom.
Bar Silver per oz.	23 7/16

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Thursday, Aug. 14.

Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 7/16 for both Ready and Forward. Silver advances reported the market as being quiet with a small business done, American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 403 1/2.

MARKET

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 up to October, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Selling rate to Merchants at 25 1/16.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Nominal at 500.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 2.59/64 but later the market eased off to 2.57/64. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 4.29/32 and then eased to 4.27/32.

AFTERNOON MARKET

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 up to October, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Selling rate to Merchants at 25 1/16.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

505 Nominal.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling sellers at 2.57/64 for Spot and U.S. Dollars at 4.27/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Aug. 14 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/2-7/8	0/2-7/8
New York	4-13/16	4-13/16
Japan	unquoted	unquoted
India	15-7/8	15-7/8
Paris	unquoted	unquoted
Hongkong	19-1/8	19-1/8

Sterling

	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/2-59/64	0/2-57/64
Aug.	0/2-59/64	0/2-57/64
Sept.	0/2-59/64	0/2-57/64

U.S. Dollars

	Opening	Closing
Spot	4-29/32	4-27/32
Aug.	4-29/32	4-27/32
Sept.	4-29/32	4-27/32

Market:—Quiet

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2.

The Equalisation rate was 24-1/4 per cent.

India Rupee Paper
Bombay, Aug. 13 (Reuter).
Govt. 3 1/2 Rupees. 98-0-0.

LONDON GOLD

London, Aug. 13 (Reuter).

Bar Gold, Fine, per oz., 109/-

Neutrality of Latin American governments in order to have a source of raw materials should the United States enter the war. She will do this by the usual promises of bounties from the Axis when the war is ended.—(Central News)

N.Y. Commodity Market

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

New York, Aug. 13.

	Previous	Close	High	Low	Close	Change
N.Y. Cotton, Oct.	15.70	16.26	15.83	16.26	58	up
N.Y. Rubber, Sept.	22.40b	22.45	22.41	22.47b	07	up
Chicago Wheat, Sept.	109 1/2	111 1/2	109 1/2	111 1/2	1 1/2	up
Chicago Corn, Sept.	77 1/2	78 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2	1	up

NEW YORK COTTON

	Closing	Ranges	Changes
Oct.	16 26/26	56	up
Dec.	16 41/43	53	up
Jan.	16 42/42	52	up
Mar.	16 54/54	51	up
May	16 54/54	51	up
July	16 49 N	52	up

Tuesday's sales.—307,300 bales.

NEW YORK RUBBER

Sept.	22 47b/50a	07	up
Dec.	22 41/45	09	off
Mar.	21 30b	50	up

Total sales.—890 tons.

NEW YORK HIDES

Dec.	14 40b/44a	05	off
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Total sales.—8 lots.

CHICAGO WHEAT

Sept.	11 11 1/2/11 1/2	1 1/2	up
Dec.	11 11 1/2/11 1/2	2 1/2	up
May	11 18 1/2/11 1/2	2 1/2	up

Tuesday's sales.—21,750,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

Sept.	7 7 1/2/7 1/2	1	up
Dec.	8 1 1/2/8 1/2	1	up
May	8 1 1/2/8 1/2	1	up

NEW YORK LARD

Sept.	9 7 1/2	05	up
Dec.	10 12/12	07	up

NEW YORK BLACK PEPPER

Sept.	6 10b/15a	10	off
Dec.	6 23b/27a	08	off

NEW YORK COTTONSEED OIL

Sept.	11 89b/90a	11	up
Dec.	11 59/59	14	up

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3

Sept.	2 09b/70a	13	off
Jan.	2 72b/73a	13	off

Business done.—490 lots.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4

Sept.	1 71b/71 1/2a	04 1/2	off
Dec.	1 77b/78a	04	off
May	1 84b/85a	03	off

Business done.—812 lots.

NEW YORK COCOA

Sept.	7 50b	04	off
Dec.	7 61b	04	off

NEW YORK WOOL GREASE

Dec.	92 8b/93 0a	unch.
N.Y. Official Silver	34-3/4	
N.Y./London Cross Rate	4.03-1/2	

H.K. Stock Exchange

Thursday, Aug. 14.

BUYERS

H.K. Govt. 4% Loan, 95.50.	
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1934).	94.50.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1940).	94.50.

H.K. Banks, \$1340.

Canton Ins., \$225.

Docks, \$15.70.

Providents, \$5.90.

Hotels, \$3.35.

Lands, X.D., \$34.50.

Realties, \$3.

Chinese Estates, \$101.

Trams X.D., \$17.05.

Lights (O), \$6.

Lights (N), \$1.30.

Electricity (O) X. Rts., \$21.80.

Electricity (N), \$21.

Electricity Rts., \$11.

Macao Electric, \$15.40.

Telephones (O), \$23.10.

Telephones (N), \$8.50.

SALES

Wharves, \$91.

Providents, \$5.90/6.05.

Hotels, \$3.40.

Lands X.D., \$35.

Trams X.D., \$17.10/20.

Electricity (O) X. Rts., \$21.90.

Electricity Rts., \$11.

Telephones (O), \$23.20.

Telephones (N), \$8.50.

Ropes, \$9.

Watsons, \$11.25.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA STATEMENT

Calcutta, Aug. 13 (Reuter).

Aug. 1, Aug. 8

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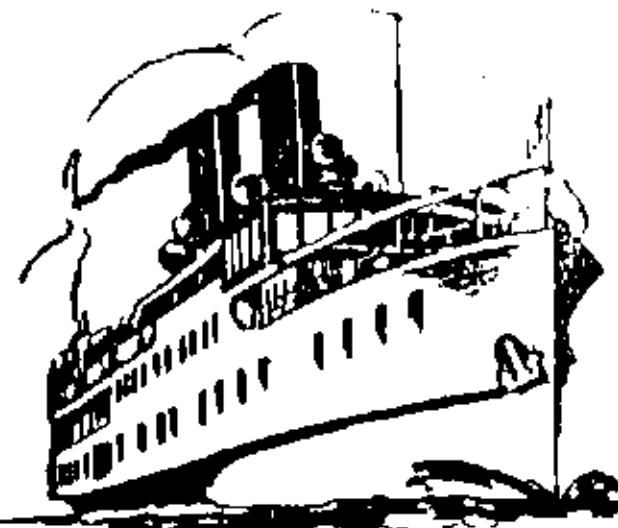
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AN ADMIRAL'S ADMIRAL: RANKING NAVAL AIRMEN

There are two schools of ranking naval airmen. In one are "The Pensacola Admirals"—oldtime surface officers who transferred to the air service late in their careers, eased through the naval air school at Pensacola, then took seniority and position over younger airmen. Such an officer is Admiral Ernest Joseph King, commander of the Atlantic Fleet, who used to have Jack Towers' job, points out "Time." In the other school are airmen's airmen, officers who went into the air service when it was the hangdog of the Navy, and rose with it.

Such a one is Rear Admiral step-up in his pilot force from Towers. Recently, as Chief of the 3,639 to 5,993 by the year's end, Bureau of Aeronautics, he completed 30 years of Navy flying. He learned to fly in 1911. During his long climb up the Navy ladder to a captaincy, he never pulled his punches, never ceased to fight for the air service and for at least a measure of independence for it, within the Navy.

GENERAL BOARD

He almost paid for his courage with his career. Once, and then again, when officers were being selected for promotion, he was passed over. In the Navy, three passes may mean out. When, in 1939, Captain Jack Towers was suddenly made Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, and promoted to Rear Admiral, the commonly accepted story was that President Roosevelt himself had a hand in it.

As part of the whole, the Bureau of Aeronautics and its Chief are of course subject to the Chief of Naval Operations (Admiral Harold Raynsford Stark, no airman). In strict theory, even the design and planned uses of naval aircraft and carriers, are the province of the General Board. The Bureau of Ordnance, by regulation, design and buys the guns and other armament for naval aircraft. As the agency in charge of all naval personnel, the Bureau of Navigation has a hand in one of Jack Towers' biggest job: the recruiting and training of pilots for the expanding naval air force. Finally, the Chief of Aeronautics is not in fact the chief of the naval air service as a whole. In a sense, that service does not exist as a whole. And it has no such chief. Admiral Towers is by regulation and in practice Admiral Stark's principal adviser on all naval air matters.

ONE TEST

One test of the existing system is what its exponents have been able to do under it. If the present, dependent naval air service were unable to meet the sudden, emergency demands for expansion, it certainly would require some drastic changes. Admiral Towers has reported to Congress that as of last February 1, he had 2,457 naval planes on hand, 6,204 on order, plus 823 provided for but unordered. Scheduled for delivery in 1941 were 1,583 trainers, 2,417 combat planes. Also scheduled was a

QUADRANGULAR CONTEST

It was decided at a meeting of the European Y.M.C.A. Swimming Committee to hold an invitation quadrangular contest on Aug. 21, at 9 p.m. when Y.M.C.A. will be hosts to Royal Scots, Middlesex and Combined Small Units including Royal Corps of Signals.

Following is the programme:
50 yards.
Six-men medley team race (two back-stroke, two breast-stroke, two free-style).
Six-men 50 yards each relay.
Diving:—One plain, one fancy, from each board (one diver).
Plunging (individual):—one plunge.
Officers 50 yard relay.
Women's 200 yards invitation relay (Victoria Recreation Club, Lal Tsun, Chinese Bathing Club, South China).

Women's 150 yards invitation medley relay (same teams as in free-style relay).
50 yards obstacle race.
Water-polo (two selected teams from the four competing teams).

European Y.M.C.A. championships will take place this month and entries close on Aug. 19, at 5 p.m.

ELABORATE GALA

Under the chairmanship of Mr. Lau King-ting, the Kwangtung Provincial Relief Committee, have arranged an elaborate swimming gala at the Chung Sing bathing shed for Saturday, Sunday and Monday, to raise funds for the relief of wounded soldiers and refugees in Kwangtung.

Prominent swimmers have been invited to participate, and a fire dragon display will be a feature of the gala.

NOT READY FOR COMBAT

If the Navy had to go to war all-out war—today, it would of course have to fight with the 1,800-old combat planes it has. Today the fleet have their full complements of men and planes. That is, each of Admiral Towers' six carriers has a squadron of fighters, two squadrons of scouts, one squadron of torpedo planes (which can also serve as bombers, carry either an 1,800lb. torpedo or three 500lb. bombs). Battleships and cruisers have their normal numbers of catapulted scout observation and bomber planes. Of the planes in service, too large a number still are old types which would be better withdrawn from combat units, to put in schools for advanced trainers. Even so, Admiral Towers insists, most of them would be as good as any naval aircraft they might go up against.

Last February Admiral Towers told Congress that "very few" of his planes then had modern armour and self-sealing tanks. By 1941 standards, most of them were under-armed. But the Navy is now getting quantity delivery of fine, fully armed fighters for its carriers. Admiral Towers could wish that torpedo plane production and deliveries were faster. At the present ratios of aircraft with the fleet, plane deliveries and increases in pilot personnel will soon outstrip the surface Navy. Admiral Towers knows what to do with the excess planes and pilots: create complete reserve crews and squadrons. Flying boats stay in the air as long as 30 hours, fly 4,000 miles and more on single hops. Back at their bases refuelled and checked, the planes are ready to go again before their tucked-out crews are rested. Admiral Towers would like to have two and even three crews for earth boat. Similarly, he wants to have complete reserve units of crews and planes for his carriers (a week of constant, hazardous carrier flying can pretty well exhaust pilots).

"TASK FORCES"

Carriers are much on Jack Towers' mind nowadays. The fleet now have six in service, plus a seventh (the Hornet) almost ready for duty, and eleven more on order. By the Navy's accepted standards, six were perhaps enough for the old fleet organizations. Now the Navy has ceased to think in terms of concentrated battle lines, plans instead for dispersed "task forces"—units of battleships, carriers, cruisers, destroyers on special missions. This conception requires more carriers than the Navy has in service and in sight. A carrier shortage is therefore one of the biggest holes in the Navy's preparations for war (especially in the Atlantic). One temporary stopgap: conversion of merchant vessels to carrier duty.

For his still stronger naval air force of the future Admiral Towers has at last been promised plenty of long-range, heavy-duty patrol bombers. The Navy plans to buy about 1,500 (cost per plane: \$150,000 and up). Glenn Martin in Baltimore already had orders for 322 last February. Consolidated (maker of the famous PB-5) had at least as many more on order (including its giant four-engined flying boats). These are the craft which give the naval air service its long striking arm. Of all types they offer the greatest threat to the supremacy of surface navies. They are a type which Jack Towers has espoused for years and was able to get the U.S. Navy to accept in quantity only when World War II began.

DRAFT DOES NOT CURTAIL U.S. SPORTS

Although many of the athletes will sooner or later enter draft or enlistment service in the Army or Navy, athletics in the United States this year, both in and outdoors, promises to be a very high order.

Already three new world records have been established and one equalled. These are the three-mile (13 mins. 51 secs) set up by Gregory Rice, who recently received the A.A.U. award as the outstanding amateur of 1940; two-mile steeplechase (9 mins. 35 5/2 secs) by Joseph McCluskey; mile and seven-eighths relay (7 mins. 25 1/5 secs) by the New York University; while Alan Tolmich equalled his own world's record of 8 1/5 secs in the 70-yard high hurdles. All these were achieved in the National Amateur Athletic Union Indoor Championships held in February.

FAR AHEAD

There is no doubt that the United States is far ahead of other countries in track and field events, and had the Olympic Games been held last year as originally scheduled, it is estimated it would have captured about 15 of the individual titles. Among these would undoubtedly have been the Pole Vault in which Cornelius Warmerdam has cleared 15 feet—the first man in history to do so.

As regards the present indoor season, the big question is who will succeed Glenn Cunningham as king of the mile run. Up to 1939, Cunningham had spread eagled the field for many seasons but last found him falling to win a single race. At the present the battle promises to be between Chuck Fenske and Walter Mehl who, curiously enough, were room-mates while they were at the University of Wisconsin. It is the opinion of many that either or both are capable of bettering the 4 mins. 5 1/2 secs world record held by Cunningham though it is doubtful if they could hold the honour as long as the latter.

THEREBY HANGS A TAIL

NEW YORK.—Late January a new comet hove into naked-eye view—that is, into the view of people with good eyes. Most observers found it better to look at through 8-power binoculars. Dr. Baldwin, Government Astronomer, saw the comet at 4:30 a.m., and described it as nothing more spectacular than "a faint patch of fuzzy light." This did not work out as astronomers expected. They hoped that toward the middle of January Cunningham's comet would develop into the brightest since Halley's great comet of 1910.

Discovered on photographic plates last September by Leland Cunningham of Harvard Observatory, the comet during the middle of December was about 100,000,000 miles from earth, about the same distance from the sun. On January 10 it came closest to earth (54,000,000 miles), on January 16 closest to the sun (33,000,000 miles). By then, on account of the sun's dazzling proximity, the show was over.

Astronomers cannot say in advance just how bright a comet will be, because they do not know how much tail it will acquire when it approaches the sun—for the tail of a comet consists of very thin material driven away from the head by pressure of solar radiation. It is possible that the earth passed through Cunningham's tail. If so, no harm was done. The earth probably swept through the tail of Halley's comet in 1910 and no one but astronomers was the wiser.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, has announced the resignation of Mr. Hugh G. Grant, Minister to Thailand. He said that the resignation was submitted some time ago but had just been accepted. The resignation was not connected with the current Pacific development.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—Expressing concern at last week's increase of strikes at plants holding Army contracts, War Department officials said that 33 strikes were reported up to Tuesday, involving 28,400 men compared with 14,000 a week ago.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, 15th AUGUST, 1941.

Air Mail to Rangoon to connect with the British Overseas Airways Service will until further notice be closed on Mondays and Fridays. Correspondence for despatch by this route must be superscribed by "C.N.A.C."

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—

Yunnan
Szechuen
Kweichow
Hunan
Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu)
Kwangsi
North and East of Kwangtung

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

From	Due
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 5th August.	16th Aug.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 19th August.	26th Aug.

OUTWARD AIR MAILS

For	Date and Time
FRIDAY	Fri. 15th Aug. K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM G.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."	
SATURDAY	Sat. 16th Aug. K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	
MONDAY	Mon. 18th Aug. K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM G.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."	
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CONDEMNED INSECTS WIRED FOR SOUND

BY JOHN GROVER

BELTSVILLE, Md.—Ever hear of wiring a bug for sound. The U. S. department of agriculture does it before killing the pests.

Electrocuting a murder is lots simpler than bumping off a boll weevil in the department's research laboratory at Beltsville, Md.

It's a mighty practical business. When an army worm dies with a mechanocardiograph recording his heart's last pitty-pat and a high salaried scientist standing by to do a post-mortem on his gizzard, it may mean saving millions for U. S. farmers.

The research is carried on to learn the action of insecticides on pests that cause \$500,000,000 damage each year. The quicker the death, the better the poison, and the scientists pass this valuable information on to those who need it.

Insect heartbeats are recorded with an ingenious mechanism. A human hair is attached to a bug's heart. The hair is connected to an opaque glass lever. The heart spasms actuate the lever, which breaks a strong beam of light focused on a moving roll of photographic paper. It gives a perfect record of heart action.

FLUORIDE POISONS

This gadget taught the scientists that nicotine puts the whammy on bugs by keeping the heart from relaxing. They learnt from microscopic examination that arsenical and fluoride poisons make

BUCKINGHAM OUT OF DANGER

It was learned that the condition of L/Bdr. H. W. Buckingham of the R.K.V.D.C. has improved. He was said to be out of danger yesterday.

The Chinese staff of the Gloucester Hotel will hold a Variety Concert at the King's Theatre on Sunday in aid of the Chinese War Relief Fund. Prices of admission are \$10, \$5, \$3, \$2 and \$1.

dead bugs out of bad bugs by destroying the normal blood cell structure.

Condemned insects live the life of Riley before they get knocked off. The laboratory breeds healthy pests in natural surroundings until they get fat and sassy. They want only strong, tough bugs because they can't learn anything from killing sickly ones with four or five feet in the grave already.

The U.S. scientists have devised their own tiny surgical instruments to do antopsies. Bug-size scalpels, hypodermic needles and other midjet instruments are in use, along with the complicated recording dinges such as the mechanocardiograph.

All in all, the department of agriculture scientists have gone to a lot of trouble and bother to kill a cockroach, but what its learnt will help to make life miserable for future generations of pantry-bandits and the 10,000 other varieties of U. S. bugs listed as harmful.

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